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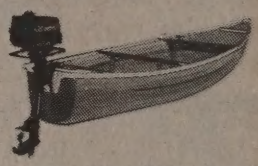

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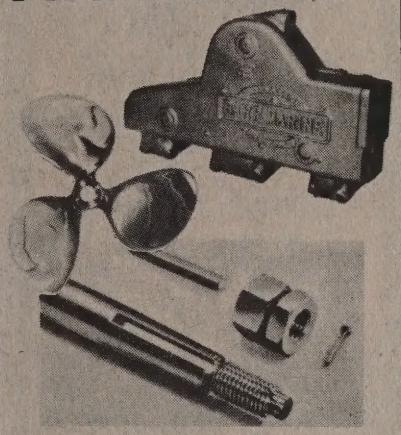

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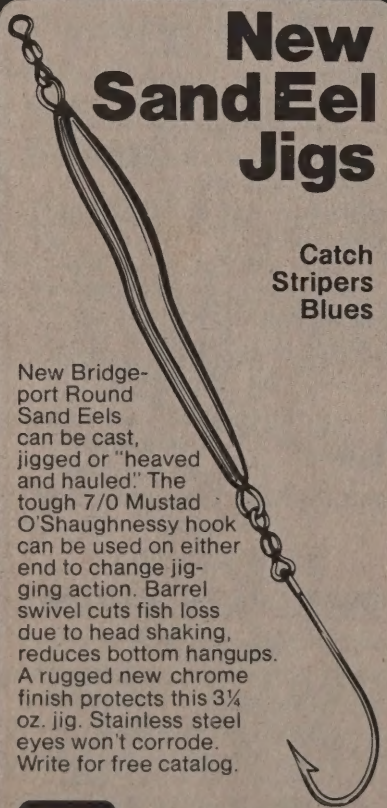

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State Senator Owen Johnson became the first recipient of The Long Island Fisherman's newly established "Fisherman's Friend Award." Senator Johnson was selected by members of The Fisherman staff for his dedication to marine conservation and the recreational fishing industry.

Managing editor, Dr. William A. Muller made the following presentation to the Senator at a recent political function given in his behalf.

"Senator Johnson, on behalf of The Long Island Fisherman and its many readers and friends, it is my pleasure to present you with this plaque in recognition of your tireless efforts to conserve marine resources, protect marine habitats, and promote the annual 125 million dollar marine recreational fishing industry in New York State. We thank you for your continued support and dedication."

# Senator Johnson's Response

May 7, 1982

Dr. William A. Muller
37 West 10th Street
Deer Park, New York 11729

Dear Dr. Muller:

It was an extreme pleasure and surprise to be presented with The Long Island Fisherman's "Fisherman's Friend Award."

I don't need to tell you that the commercial fishing interests opposition to some of the laws that I have proposed tends to be demoralizing. The "Fisherman" award will go a long way in brightening up those moments.

Please extend my many thanks to all the editors and staff at The Long Island Fisherman. I look forward to working closely with you in our continuing goal to ensure the adequacy of our public resource "the marine waters" of this state.

With the highest personal regards, I remain...

Very truly yours,

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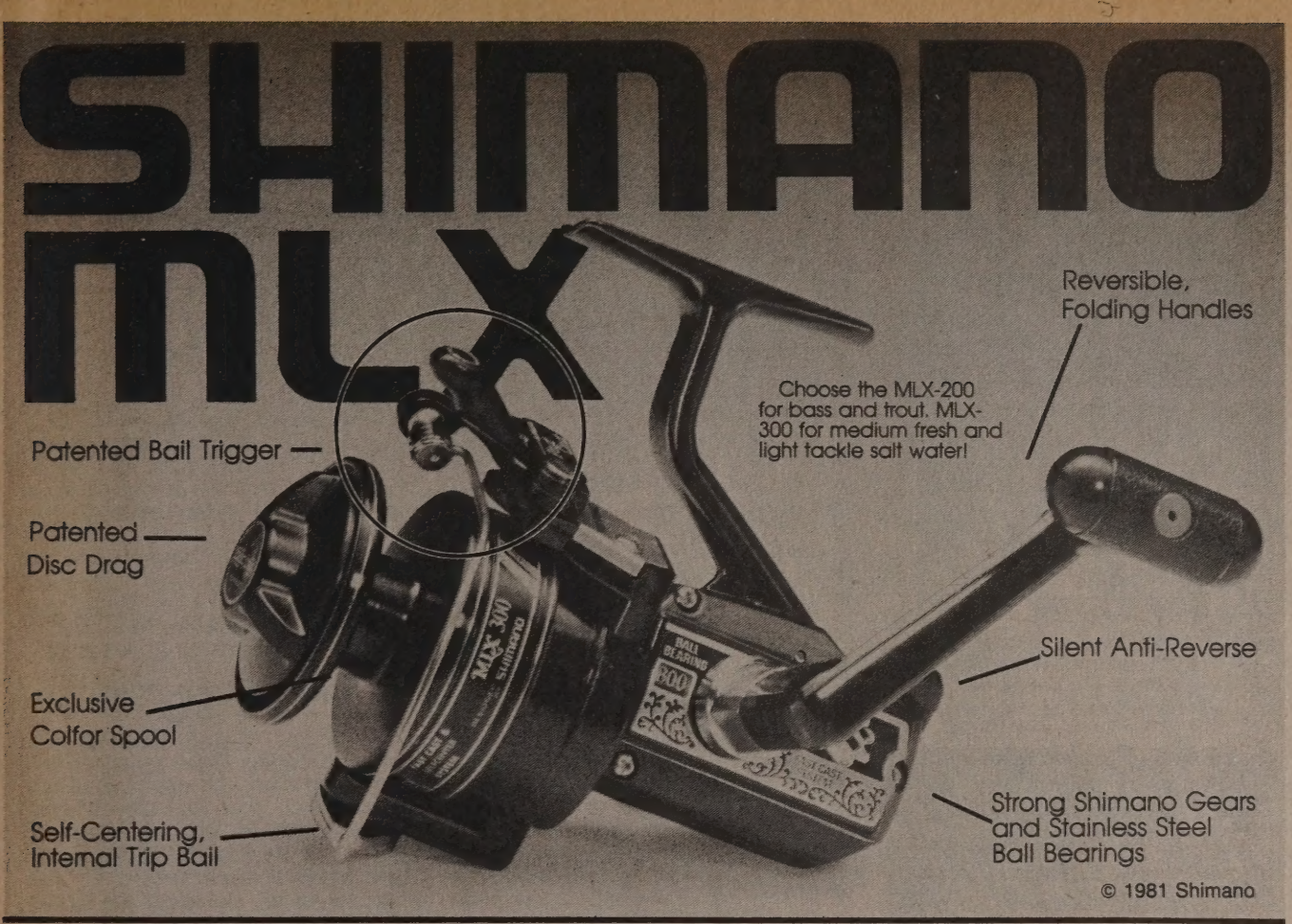
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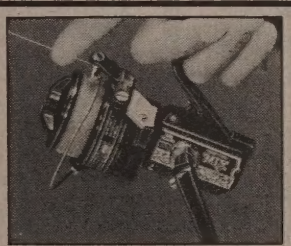

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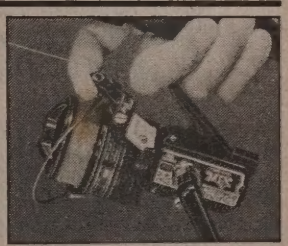

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The fishing day is Sunday, June 6, 1982, from 8AM to 1PM, on the 69th Street Pier (at Shore Road and Bay Ridge Avenue, Bklyn.) which hopefully will provide flounder, blackfish, fluke, eels, bluefish, and striped bass.

Registration for the fishing day is necessary. The first 100 children from 8-14 who are registered will be participants. Registration must be done by a parent or guardian, by signing a release form supplied at Value Fare Car Service, 377 Bay Ridge Avenue (corner of 4th Ave.) during the week of May 28-June 5, 1982 at any time.

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### S.S.M.T.C. OFFSHORE TOURNEY SLATED FOR JULY 10

South Shore Marlin and Tuna Club, 27th annual billfish-tuna Mako Tournament on July 10th; rain date July 11th. All boats must be affiliated with a fishing club and can depart from Fire Island, Moriches, or Shinnecock Inlets.

The fish categories will be swordfish, blue marlin, white marlin, mako shark and tuna. Prizes will consist of Penn International Reels.

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### JERRY KENNY TO SPEAK AT ANGLERS MEETING

The public is welcome to hear Jerry Kenny, of the N.Y. Daily News, give a talk on the great outdoors and its problems. Jerry will be at the regular meeting of the Salt Water Anglers' of Bergen County on June 15, 1982.

Jerry, a renowned sports writer, will talk on the problems facing all fishermen and what we can do to keep the condition of our sport healthy and more beneficial to all of us.

The meeting will start with a movie, at 8PM, on Tuesday, June 15th, at the meeting hall at the American Legion Post #170, 33 West Passaic St., Rochelle Park, N.J.

Refreshments will be served at the close of the meeting.

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### LBA SPRING BLACKFISH

The Lower Bay Anglers voted for blackfish as their spring Club-funded trip. Club members and guests sailed out of Sheepshead Bay on Saturday, April 25, 1982 to pick at the early blackfish off of New Jersey shores. First and second pool prizes were a tie and were split by Marty Gazzani and Mike Borecky. Third prize was taken by guest Lenny Vilinsky. The LBA members are looking forward to an active fishing season.

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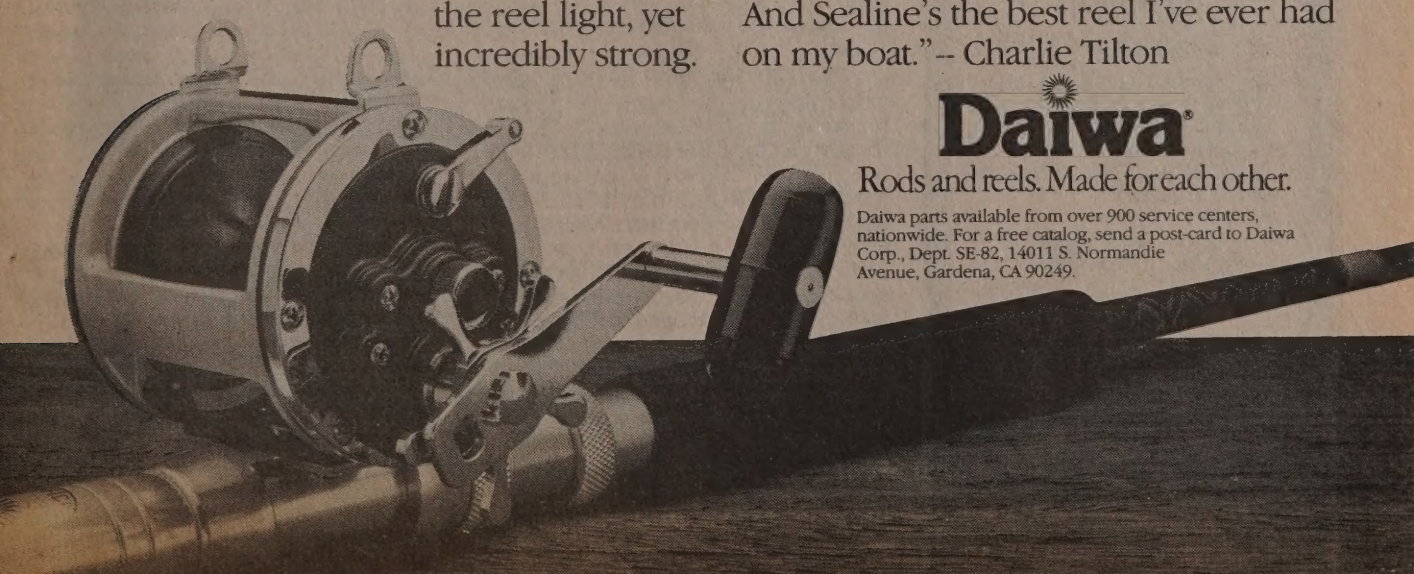

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*It has always been the practice of The Long Island Fisherman to automatically convert our tide tables from Eastern Standard Time to Daylight Savings Time, and back again in the fall. If you go back to your late April and late October issues over the years, you will see that on the day of time shifts that the tide times change in very unusual ways. These odd changes reflect the shift from one time to the other. We wish to provide tide tables that match the clocks on your walls and, therefore, we keep pace with time changes for you. Therefore, simply read the tables direct and go fishing.* Dr. W.A. Muller.

*MAPS AND BEACHES*

I have several questions to ask and hope you can help. First: can you tell me where I can buy an accurate map of Long Island. Something that would show all highways and roads leading in and out. I surf fish the South Shore mostly, but am interested in a map that would show me possible access roads leading to North and South Shore beaches. Secondly, can you give me a list of North Shore beaches that can be fished by non-residents (especially those that allow beach buggies). *C. Benefatti, Ridgewood, NY.*

*We often recommend that fishermen seeking specific and sometimes hard to find beaches invest in a Hagstrom Map. These maps can put you back a few dollars, yet many folks think the investment is a good one because they can find almost any place. These maps are sold at most stores where stationery and newspapers are sold. On your second question, all North Shore beaches can be fished out ot season—before Memorial Day and after Labor Day—but in season you'll need a town stick. Even the town sticker does not always guarantee you night fishing access because some towns close their beaches during the hours of darkness. We receive many letters about this and for those affected we suggest you get together with surf fishermen in your towns and approach the town councils. You're taxpayers after all, and so a little grease may get the wheel moving.* Dr. W.A. Muller.

*INFO ON GARDINER'S ISLAND*

I am a subscriber to The Long Island Fisherman. I would like to make a fishing trip at the end of the month in the Gardiner's Island area. I am not familiar with the area, so could you send me some information, such as where the boat ramps are, their costs and directions. Also, any hints as to where to fish when I get there.

My address is 144 E. Camp Ave., Merrick, New York 11566. *Albert LeRonge.*

*Although one can buy a pass from East Hampton Town Hall that will allow for the use of the town boat ramp in Lake Montauk, and it is possible to pay a modest fee (about $5) to use the ramps of marinas and boat liveries out east, we think you might be better off using the facilities of party and charter boats. The newcomer to a place like Gardiner's Island, which can be a tricky place to fish, can be a demanding place to operate a small boat, and can present weather conditions that are different from other areas, might be better off leaving these difficulties to people with more experience in that area. This course of action allows the first timer to observe and learn, then on subsequent trips the fisherman can call on prior knowledge, mimimize risk, and maximize success. For more specific details, see LIF's book* Fishing For Flounder *which discusses this spot in detail. Incidentally, May is probably a better month there than April.* Dr. W.A. Muller

*WEST BANK SHOAL*

I am a medical student from Brooklyn and I've been a fisherman 25 of my 30 years. I have recently become aware of what might be a catastrophe and I would like you to send me some information on the topic. I am referring to the *land-fill* project at West Bank Shoal in the N.Y. Bight, a home for weaks, blues, stripers and I imagine plenty of bait fish.

I would like to know who I could write to to get the details of this, for an environment paper I am doing. *Gene Mancuso, Bklyn., N.Y.*

*Your best bet to get volumes of information is to contact the Army Corps of Engineers. Whenever we have made the request the info swarms in like locusts in a plague. Also see Jerry Kenny's piece in the Daily News back in March. Red LIF for clubs and readers who have expressed interest and concern over*

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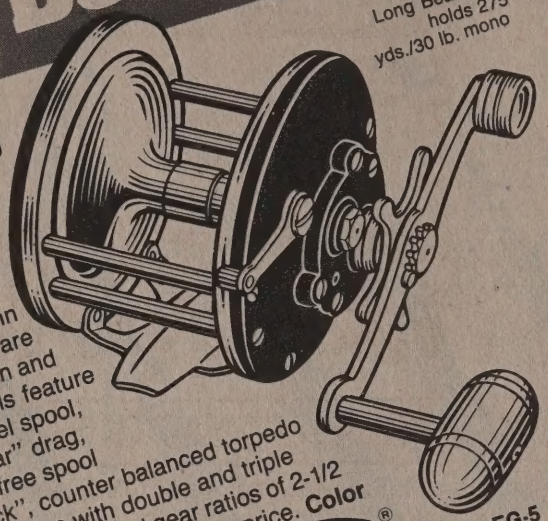

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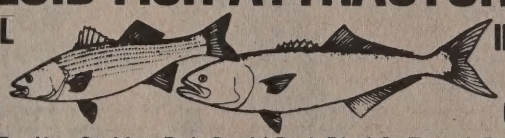

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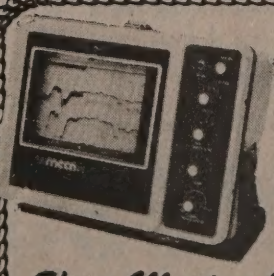

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*this project. Last but not least, contact your Congressman. This is a project of great importance to recreational fishermen in the New York Bight area. LIF is heavily committed right now to other legislative and conservation activities that are nearing completion. However, when these are set aside we intend to help. You should know that our sister publication from New Jersey is deeply involved in this and is spearheading the effort on behalf of all three sister publications and their readers.* Dr. W.A. Muller.

*WEST BANK SHOAL CONTINUED*
Sen. Norman J. Levy
Rm. 812, Legislative Off. Bldg.
Albany, NY 11247

Dear Senator Levy: There is a matter that is of great concern to me, and I am enclosing a copy of an article by Jerry Kenney of the New York Daily News concerning the dumping of contaminated dredge by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in an area between Chapel Hill and West Bank Light. Just in case you are not familiar with exactly where this area is, it is on the New Jersey and Staten Island side of Ambros Channel, and about three miles east of the Verrazano Bridge. This is part of a fabulous fishing area known as the "New York Bight" and I have been fishing there for my entire adult life. I am deeply concerned that the proposed dumping of contaminated dredge will ruin this entire fishing area.

Last year I personally caught numerous weakfish, bluefish, striped bass and large fluke in this area and hope I can count on your help to stop this dumping. The waters off Long Island are already quite dirty and during the past winter on numerous cod fishing trips southeast of Jones Inlet in depths of approximately 110' of water, we constantly experienced brown slime on our fishing lines. The same situation at times exist in the New York Bight and this is caused by the dumping which is already going on; and we certainly don't need wthe U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to add to this problem.

Please try and help, and if you can't personally do anything, please give me some advice on what further steps I can take on this matter. Very truly yours, *John G. Mihale.*

P.S.—I am going to furnish many of my friends who also fish the same waters, with copies of this letter and they will be signing the copies and sending them to you so that you will understand our resolve to prevent the Corps of Engineers from contamina-tin our waters and ruining this wonderful fishing area.

*John, if you'll please read our response to Mr. Mancuso herein, you'll have your response. There are many concerned fishermen and fishing organizations that are committed to this. Contact the New Jersey office if you'd like to get more involved. Their telephone number is 201 940-8600.* Dr. W.A. Muller.

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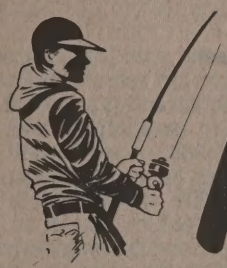

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# BIG CHANGES IN COAST GUARD USER FEES PROPOSAL

## by Al Ristori

By this time, most readers have probably heard the horror stories about boat user fees to support Coast Guard operations. In the 1983 budget, the Administration has proposed to increase or institute 24 user fees, including those for the Coast Guard. These fees would reduce the revenues required from general funds to support Federal services by more than $3 billion.

The initial fees proposed by the Coast Guard were, indeed, a horror story. Private boats would have been hit with $200 fees, and even small boats used in inland waters (with no Coast Guard services) were to be charged $4. For party and charter boats the fees would run several thousand dollars—creating an extra cost of doing business that would inevitably lead to higher fares, and the likelihood that many part-time charter boats would go out of business altogether.

On Friday, May 14, party and charter boat captains and private boat owners gathered at the Freeport Boatmen's Association to participate in a rally against the user fees sponsored by the Atlantic Professional Boatmen's Association—the trade association for party and charter boats. The featured speaker at the rally was Congressman Norman Lent (Republican—4th Dist.). Lent is a member of the key Coast Guard Subcommittee of the House Merchant Marine & Fisheries Committee, which has been considering these proposals. Up to this point they've been so outlandish that there's been no support at all for the user fees in the Subcommittee. However, the Coast Guard just came up with an entirely new set of proposals on May 10, and Lent presented them to the rally.

Under the revised proposals, the Coast Guard would collect from users only the costs of the following operations:

1. Search and rescue, but only those sorties not considered life threatening.
2. Short-range aids to navigation.
3. Radionavigational aids.
4. Domestic ice-breaking.
5. Commercial vessel safety.
6. Recreational boating safety.
7. Port safety and security.
8. Marine environmental protection.

The Coast Guard proposes to recover 100% of the cost of these services, using both direct and indirect charges. There will be **no** cost recovery for the following areas:

1) Acquisition, construction, and improvements for facilities and equipment; i.e., stations, vessels, aircraft.
2) Retired pay
3) Reserve training
4) Research, development, test and evaluation
5) Pollution cleanup activities already funded by pollution compensation statutes
6) Enforcement of laws and treaties
7) Marine sciences activities
8) Polar operations
9) Military readiness
10) Services to other than marine users

As a result, the Coast Guard is seeking to recover only 28% of their present operating costs and just 22% of the total estimated Coast Guard budget for fiscal year '83. The Coast Guard has made a detailed study of various marine user groups and come up with the costs to be recovered from each group—either directly or indirectly. The exception involves commercial fishing vessels, since the Coast Guard has determined that "100% recovery would impose an unwarranted economic penalty and exceed the reasonable capacity to pay, especially for smaller fishing vessels."

In an obvious attempt to reduce the political pressure against the user fee system, the Coast Guard is now taking it very easy on the recreational boater. They are attempting to recover only $35 million by completely ignoring a share of short range navigation aids and radionavigation aids (such as Loran C). Furthermore, some $2.3 million will come from fees applied to manufacturers of recreational boats and safety equipment for which the Coast Guard sets standards and provides certification.

The good news for recreational boaters is that all boats less than 20 ft. will be exempted from the fees, as will those not utilizing Federal navigable waters. The first provision alone eliminates the biggest class of boats in the United States: some 4,700,000. Boats from 20 ft. to less than 26 ft. will pay about half of the costs attributable to recreational boating at a fee of $25 per hull. Boats from 26 ft. to less than 40 ft. will pay $50; those from 40-65 ft. are to be hit for $100; and boats over 65 ft. will be charged $200.

Fishing fleets, both foreign and domestic, will be assessed $50.5 million for search and rescue of non life-threatening potential, short range aids to navigation, and radionavigation aids. Very small commercial vessels (less than 5 gross tons) will pay $290, while the 5-99 gross ton group (which includes virtually all charter and party boats) will be hit for $600. At the time Congressman Lent was speaking, it wasn't clear whether that would be the entire fee, including inspections. It didn't seem as if that would be the case, since the "six-packer" charter boat that requires no inspection would be treated the same as a 100 ft. party boat which is subject to all sorts of Federal regulation.

Sure enough, there's a Schedule F with the bad news in that area. Documentation of vessels (issuance, endorsement, recording of title, changes) will carry a $600 fee. Admeasurement of vessels (to determine gross and net tonnages) will run $120 for "simplified self-propelled commercial vessels" and $840 for vessels under 75 gross tons. The initial vessel inspection for certification of small passenger vessels will be $10,800! Then there are other categories for small passenger vessels: "Inspection for Certificate" - $840; "Reinspection" - $600; and "Drydock Examination" - $360. Wait, there's more: originals and endorsements of motorboat operator, inland operator, and ocean operator licenses will be $480! By the time party and charter boat operators get finished paying for all that many will be out of business and those remaining in those pretty marginal professions will have to hike fares to offset these excessive costs.

If it really costs the Coast Guard that much to provide such services, perhaps we should be investigating that operation. One skipper of a large party boat assured me that inspections of his boat take only one or two hours. Why should vessel operators have to pay outlandish fees in order to support a bureaucracy that seems to have grown too fat—just as is inevitably the case with government agencies? Throughout the country, government services are being farmed out on a contract basis to private firms which generally can perform them at a fraction of the government cost. Why not have retired captains (who know more about vessels and vessel safety than any "green" Lt. [j.g.]) trained to

make these inspections on a "piece-work" basis?

The captains assembled at Freeport weren't impressed with the new fee schedule, and that was before they knew about all the additional charges! They are dead set against the imposition of any general user fees and I don't blame them. The new schedule is an obvious effort to appease the great mass of recreational boaters and politically isolate the much smaller number of people with a commmercial interest. For instance, the Coast Guard is attributing no search and rescue costs to boats under 20 ft.—but just ask yourself how many times you've seen such boats being towed in or how often you've heard of the Coast Guard searching for missing boats of the same size. On the other hand, how many times have you seen the Coast Guard towing a charter or party boat in? The answer to the latter question is that it's very rare, and the boats concerned would prefer to pay directly should they ever require such service.

I personally couldn't care less about paying the Coast Guard $25 in order to use my Mako 21. However, by doing so we'll be opening a real can of worms that will surely haunt us in years to come. As a private boat owner (and Coast Guard Reservist) at the rally noted, this proposal is only a foot in the door. Take note of this single sentence slipped into the proposal: "The proposed legislation seeks authority for the Secretary to publish appropriate fee schedules and **amend them periodically** to reflect changes in cost or programs." In other words, those initial fees can be raised to any level in future years without even consulting Congress. What an open invitation for a bureaucracy to run wild!

How about another kicker? Most of you probably assume that this money will be going into a dedicated fund to take care of Coast Guard expenses. Not so!! The fees will go right into the Treasury, and the Coast Guard will still have to fight for a budget out of general revenues. Theoretically, Congress will take account of that money when setting up the Coast Guard budget...but don't count on it! Also remember that taxes imposed are rarely removed—even if the need no longer exists. Even trust funds aren't inviolate. Look at the Highway Trust Fund (built up with the taxes paid by motorists for fuel) which has been tapped for the subsidization of mass transit systems. If this should go through, I would expect to see higher fees and fewer Coast Guard services within a few years! Why not instead use the Federal Motorboat Fuel Taxes that we're already paying in any case?

From a political standpoint, the Coast Guard has considerably improved their position in regard to user fees. With all those inland boats exempted, they'll no longer face opposition from about half the Congressmen in the country. Furthermore, the exemption of boats under 20 ft. will defuse some coastal opposition—and, of course, the Coast Guard paper doesn't inform the general public that they will be paying higher party, charter, and ferry boat fares as a result of their proposals, or that the boat and boat equipment manufacturer fees will also result in higher costs. Therefore, it's going to take some real effort on the part of the informed public to squash this attempt to impose new taxes.

Congressman Lent wants to hear from YOU! There will be enormous pressure on him to accept this latest plan and it's essential that he receive support from his constituents in order to justify fighting it off. There's no more reason for most Coast Guard services to be funded by user fees than there is for police, fire, and defense services to be funded in that manner. Furthermore, the party and charter boats get no subsidies—as do farmers, dairymen, the merchant marine, mass transit, etc., etc., etc.! Don't be fooled by the latest strategy; fight for your traditional boating rights now!

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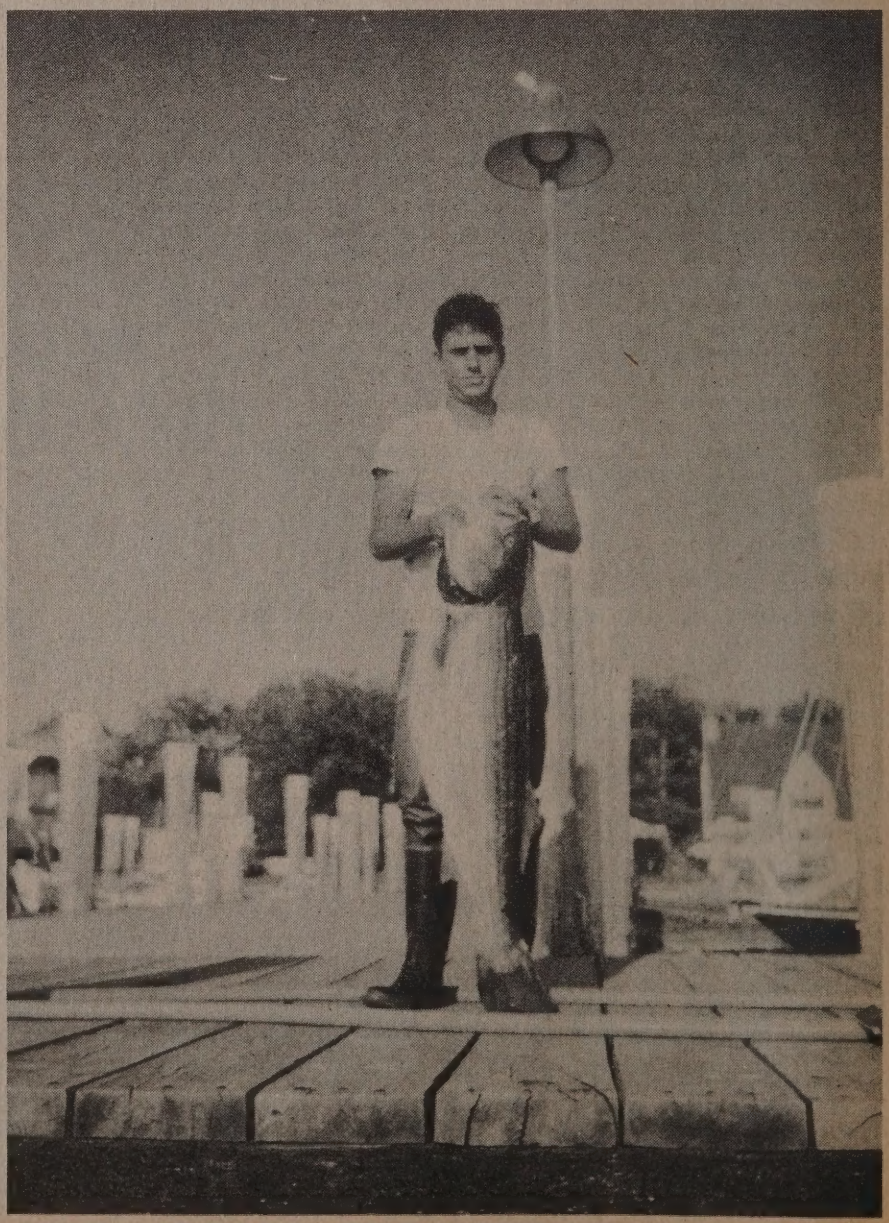
# WEST END STRIPERS: The Bays and Bridges

## by Ron Onorato

It wasn't that many years ago when you could reasonably count on hanging a couple of big bass on bait from any of the local South Shore jetties that dotted the Rockaway or Long Beach shore lines. It was pretty much a sure thing any time from the third week of May, almost through the whole month of June that certain rock piles would yield some fair numbers of big fish on live, cut, or fresh dead bait usually bunker. At times there were periods of pretty hot fishing. Unfortunately, this is far from the case today. Those same hot "stones" are dead most of the time. Perhaps with just one or two exceptions at the peak of the spring and fall migration when there is a large amount of bait around such as herring or bunker, the beach and the jetties have been very quiet. There are a number of reasons for this. The most glaring reason obviously is the lack of big fish. There just are not the fish around that there were back in the 60s or 70s. It also seems that what few fish are left tend to avoid the beach like the plague and follow the schools of bait offshore and then shoot right into the bays. The exception to this might be the smaller bass that set up summer residence at the Tin Can Grounds or Romer Shoals area. But it is around the bridges and in many of the back bays and creeks that most of the big bass will be taken.

Each season it appears that most of the bunker schools that make it through the onslaught of the bunker boats will find their way into either Reynolds Channel or the State Boat channel behind Jones Beach. These big schools of bunker will, in turn, break off into smaller pods of bait and will then spend much of the summer months roaming around the bays and near any one of many South Shore spans. Many of these pods of bunker will have a number of big bass foraging along with them. As goes the bait, so go the big bass. Many times the schools of bait will move out of the back bay areas and start for the ocean inlets. When this happens, then it is time to try another one of the baits that works so well so often: the live eel. Basically, the intelligent thing to do is to emulate your freshwater counterpart, and match the hatch. This adage does not apply simply to artificial lures, but also to live bait as well. You're not going to set the world on fire with live eels when there are scads of bunker, herring, or mullet around. Another live bait which has been used quite effectively has been live baby blackfish. And there is yet one more bait, live flounder, that has been used by a few secretive anglers with good success. All of these baits are really quite effective at various times, and what it boils down to is where, when, and how to use them.

There are numerous types of bait that can be used by those fishing around the bridges, but for the most part, three different types of bait are used primarily: live eels, small blackfish and small bunkers are the big three in the bait department. Of the three, the baby blackfish is perhaps the most effective to use when fishing directly in and near the bridge supports. Virtually all of the bridges along the South Shore hold varying amounts of blackfish and needless to say, the bass are not likely

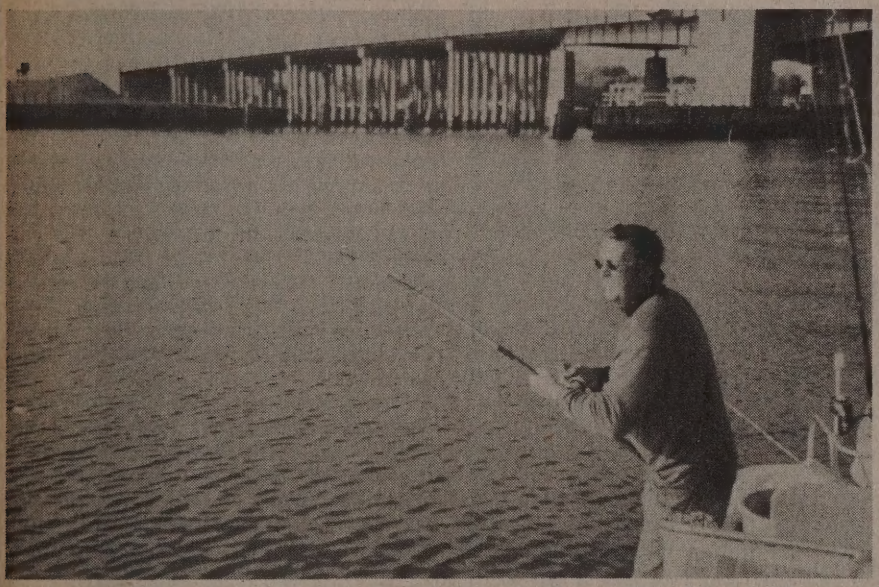


Author hefts a 53 lb. striper taken on live bait.

to pass them up. Bunker and eels will also work to a lesser degree when fishing around the bridges in the early part of the season. It is the old theory of matching the hatch, that must once again be employed with bass fishing. If the blackfish are plentiful along a certain structure, then a small blackfish should be used. By the same token, if schools of bunker are flipping in the same general areas as the bridge, then it would be foolish not to use a freshly snagged bunker. If neither bunker nor blackfish are available, then it would pay you to try live eels.

Of these baits, the blackfish is about the only one that you might have a little trouble in obtaining. You can easily purchase a night's supply of eels or a day's supply of bunker, but blackfish are a little harder. What this usually entails is going out the day before the bassing trip and sitting on some local rock pile or jetty and catching a dozen or so half pound baits. Then you have the problem of keeping them alive until they are ready to be fished. What a lot of serious bass fishermen have been doing is making up some sort of floating live bait well that is kept at the dock and loaded with small blackfish to be used as the need arises. It is a lot of trouble, but is worth the effort when the end results are weighed.

By far and away, the many bridges that span the South Shore waterways from East Rockaway Inlet all the way to the Robert Moses Causeway get the heaviest play from striped bass fishermen, and at times, these fishermen do extremely well with good numbers of big fish. The reason that the big bass find the bridges a prime feeding area is evident. Bass are, for the most part, structure feeding fish. This means that the fish prefer some sort of bottom or ground structure that they find suitable as a feeding zone. A rock pile on an otherwise even bottom, a small depression, some wooden piles in the middle of a channel, a quick dropoff of a high ridge are all examples of what are considered good structures for foraging bass. The fish usually lie on the down-tide side of these structures and wait for the current to carry their prey to them. The only time the fish will abandon these structures is when the bait supply dries up or they forage directly near schools of bait fish such as bunker or mullet. From this, we can see that the South Shore bridges are perfect structures for the bass to feed at.



George Oliver works on a big bass in the shadows of the Atlantic Beach Bridge.

This is how a live bunker should be hooked.

The bridges that are the most productive seem to be the ones closest to the inlets themselves. The Atlantic Beach Bridge that spans Reynold's Channel near the mouth of East Rockaway Inlet is one of the better producers, as are the Wantagh Causeways that span the State Boat Channel not too far from the mouth of Jones Inlet. The bass, however, are not deterred by the fast water, but are just getting going when the tide starts to snort. While this fast flow might be good for the bass, it can be a little hard for the fishermen who are trying to fish the bridges during this stage of tide. With this in mind, most of the productive fishing time occurs at the later stages of the tide and just before and after the slack water periods. At times, the actual period of slack water will have some reasonably good periods of fast fishing action.

As mentioned earlier, the most productive fishing times seem to be around the change of the tide. This is not due to any feeding preference of the fish, but rather the practicality of the fishing technique itself. It is just not feasible to swim those live baits when the tide is steaming along; you have to wait until it slows down a little.

Blackfish and bunker are rigged in pretty much the same manner as far as the terminal rigging goes. A 1 or 2 oz. drail is attached to the terminal end of the mono line you are using, and to the other end of the drail a 3' or 4' leader of 50 lb. mono is attached. A 3/0 treble hook is then attached to the other end of the mono leader. To this, the live blackfish or bunker is then attached, usually by hooking the bait once through the lips or once through the skin just behind the dorsal fin. This same rig is used to fish the live eels, except that in place of the treble hook a 5/0 Eagle Claw hook is used. The eel is hooked once through the upper jaw and out through one of the eye sockets. It is virtually impossible to pull the eel off the hook when rigged in this manner.

Bass are territorial creatures, and while the entire length of a bridge span might seem the same, to the bass it's not. Only certain portions of the bridge will hold fish and it is up to you to find out what these spots are. Usually the way to approach a bridge for the first time is to make several long drifts throughout the entire span. You simply pull the boat up-tide of the bridge supports and make drifts back to the bridge until you are just at the edge of the supports. Repeat this

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process until the entire length of the bridge has been covered on the up-tide side of the bridge. If this has not been productive, then move on to the down-side of the bridge, and begin making drifts on that side until something is forthcoming. You simply pull the boat up to the bridge supports and drift back until you are a couple of hundred feet away from the bridge. Just because you get no life doesn't necessarily mean you are doing something wrong. Often there are no fish at the particular bridge you are fishing or perhaps the fish are there and not feeding, and more commonly, heavy boat traffic might have put the fish down. If, after an hour or so of drifting you get no life, it might pay to move on to another bridge. If you get a hit or a runoff, or you have the bait chased to the surface, then it pays to stay at that spot throughout the course of the tide change. Usually you'll nail a fish or two if you get some life at a particular location.

The live bait is fished free spool and drifted along near the bottom as the boat is carried by the tide. You simply peel out 75' to 100' of mono and keep the reel out of gear the length of the drift. The fish will sometimes take the bait deep without much fanfare, or will tease and tantalize the bait by chasing it up and down the surface before taking it. When this happens, it is simply a matter of feeding the fish line until you have determined that the bait has been swallowed by the bass. Time lapse will range anywhere from five to ten seconds, depending on how fast you count. The reel is then engaged and the fish hit hard with the rod. Hopefully the hook will be set.

At times, the fish will spread out away from the bridges and can be found in deep holes and depressions at different parts of the inlets. A couple of years ago, there was a big run of fish at Fire Island Inlet at night on eels during the month of June. Schools of bunker will be herded into a tight ball and every so often huge swirls will be seen as great fish come to the surface to grab an unfortunate bunker. When tight patches of bunker are encountered anywhere along the way, it always pays to spend some time fishing there, as the bass are not very far away from a ready source of available food. There are numerous areas all along the main channels of the South Shore that all have potential to hold fish, and this does not take into account many of the back creeks and marshes that seldom see the heavy boat traffic the main drags do.

A final word about this type of fishing. For the most part, the fishing will be best conducted during the night and early morning hours. The bass feed primarily during the evening hours and seem to finish up with one last shot just around the crack of dawn. If you can catch the tide right, have the right bait, and are at the right place just at the blush of day, you will be treated to a spectacle that is, for many of us, so uncommon.

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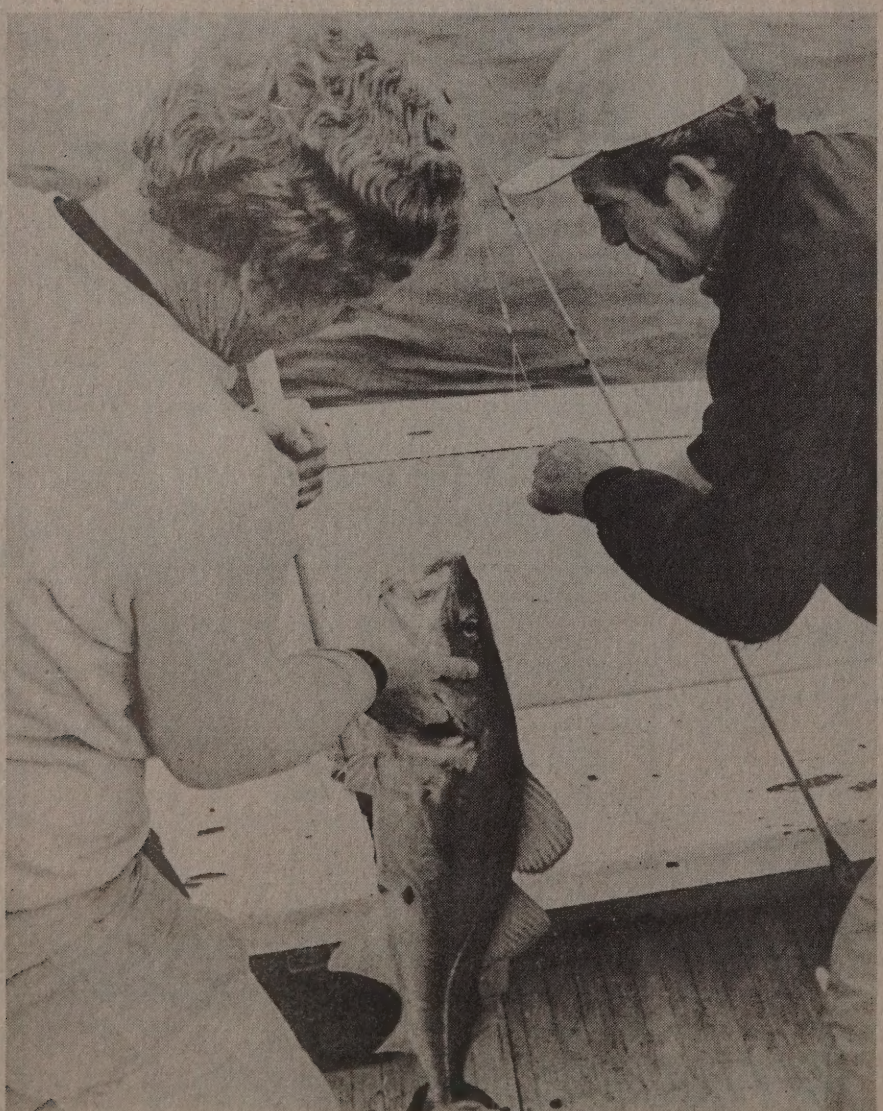
# MONO MYTHS

## by Dick Mermon

**This nationally known tackle expert sheds some light on the mysteries revolving around that vital link.**

Taking into consideration the tackle employed while fishing, the only connection between the angler and a hooked fish is his line, all other implements used are secondary. Yet, line is the least thought about, cared for, and understood. Reels do nothing more than store and control line being utilized. Rods are extended levers producing direct pressure to take up shock or lift, but the line is what sustains a fish during the battle. Hence, it is this single item which many anglers still do not know the properties of certain brands, why the difference in price and what to look for in monofilament lines. In fact, they really do not know why they use a certain brand and not another.

Monofilament line is a tradeoff! Like everything in this world, no one item can do every job properly, you have to give something to get something, better known as "balancing of properties." Each time a single property in monofilament is elevated the others suffer for it and for this reason each manufacturer has their own particular outstanding characteristics, permitting the fisherman to make his own choice as to desired needs in a line.



**Stretch and diameter thickness means a great deal when fishing in deep water locations for cod or other structure hugging species.**

Every nylon monofilament line is a derivative of petroleum with a base component called "capalactron" in a form of nylon pellets. Additives, or chemical ingredients are other properties blended in for color, hardness, limpness and lubrication. It is in the processing of these constituents as well as quality control which produces premium mono, or the opposite end of the pendulum, "bargain priced" monofilament lines. Articles have been written about monofilament fishing lines, but have never explained the differences in them and why it is a premium mono that should be used at all times.

In any manufactured item, you pay for what you get. There are no real bargains in fishing lines. Premium mono requires quality raw materials, intricate manufacturing and a higher degree of stature control. This costs money and is only applied in high grade mono. Answers lie in what fishermen require for their needs, or what suits an individual best for that type of angling. Not every person has the same wants in a line. Some desire to make long casts, others to probe deep hazardous locations, or be able to see the line above water, while a vast group just does not give a darn.

Shakespeare, with its enormous technology in extrusion process (being one of the largest monofilament manufacturers in the world), offers fishermen a wide range of mono line in both premium and lower grades, but has developed a new formula in its Sigma to bring all properties needed into one prime fish line.

There are seven major properties manufacturers try to coordinate or balance out of a total of 23. These primary characteristics of select mono lines are: break strength, knot strength, impact resistance, stretch, abrasion resistance, diameter thickness and limpness. There are about 12 companies that extrude monofilament for use in fishing lines throughout the world, several of which produce mono for other brand names.

Manufacturing of mono line begins with nylon pellets, the size of rabbit food, which are poured into an extruding machine hopper that looks like an oversized hand cranking meat grinder. When heat is applied, it melts the pellets and the rotating screw inside squeezes the molten nylon out through a punctured disk in a spaghetti-like fashion. Premium

mono like Sigma, has toning chemicals, silicone and other noted properties added directly into the hopper and then the "linguine" like nylon yarn is oriented, or drawn further at specific temperatures and speed, giving it uniformity of diameter and the other six listed properties. First rate mono requires conscientious scrutinization on each step along the way. Bargain lines demand less attention to procedure, usually having dyes and chemicals to impregnate them applied after the extrusion, occasionally affecting some of the main properties. Color placed into a line in this fashion never lasts, but fades when applied in water and can sometimes be actually seen bleaching out. Once fully developed the yarn-like mono is continuously wound onto bulk spools, then measured out into yardage quantities for consumer use.

"Break strength" of a line means the ability to withstand a steady slow pull and recorded when it parts. This measurement is in pounds, but as bizarre as it may seem thinner diameter monofilament lines are basically stronger than thicker. Hence, there are some monos on the market that claim to be very sturdy but their diameter is rather thick. In order to equate two lines, one would have to know both lines actual break strength, measure their diameters and divide the cross-sectional area into the break strength, producing pounds per square inch (PSI). For the layman, this is rather difficult to do, so to simplify matters theory has proven that most of today's lines have a break strength of 90,000 to 100,000 PSI which is excellent, but a spider web strand is 200,000 PSI and that is strong considering its diameter. Thin diameter lines also assist in good casting qualities.

Manufacturers are highly aware of the demand for intensely abrasive resistant mono lines, but fishermen have become totally confused and associate limpness, stiffness, toughness and abrasion resistance all as one property. Limp or stiff, hard or soft has nothing to do with abrasion. This is one of those characteristics which are applied while in the hopper as part of the manufacturing. It is the durability of a line to resist wear and heat buildup. Lines like Sigma have silicon impregnated into the molten nylon during the extrusion, whereby other manufacturers have a wax, or some other coating added afterwards to give an illusion of smoothness. These waxes only serve as an outside protective film so that when rubbed across abrasive material or dry sandpaper, the tiny rough ridges are filled with the substance. Should this test be conducted under wet conditions, results will be totally different and the line parts twice as fast. Also, additives on a line could weaken the break strength due to a clash between nylon molecules and the chemicals.

Another sought-after feature in the formulation is "knot strength," or the

**Choice of lines are up to the individual angler but when casting light plastic lures for weakfish a quality mono with slight memory is needed.**

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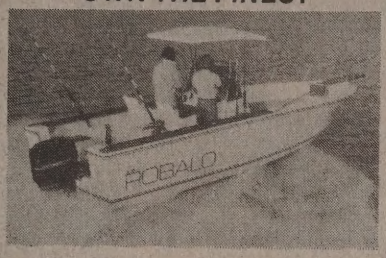

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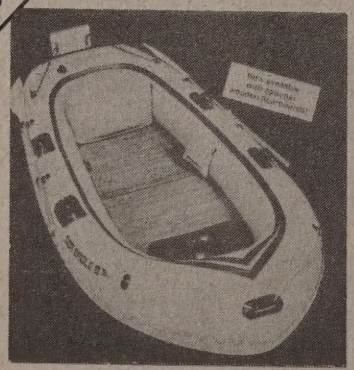

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ability of a line to hold knots without breaking. Some monofilaments sustain a particular style knot better than others. A good way to test a line is via a simple overhand knot and slowly pull the ends until it breaks, but keep in mind this is not a type of tie an angler would ever employ because it is a cutting knot. Good knot strength also provides excellent shock strength, or the efficiency of a line to withstand sudden jolts as in setting a hook or a jumping fish.

Memory of monofilament lines belong to the unruly array of nylon molecules which also through formulation can be low, while on the other hand are so bad that it becomes impossible to use satisfactory. This property does not have anything to do with limpness, stiffness or thickness of diameter, but stands alone and is vital in cast control. With some lines, if wound tightly onto a spool will come off in the same size coils and in cold weather would be even more difficult to manage. Chemists who developed Sigma monofilament claim it has 10% less memory than any other available line and will not become stuff during chill temperatures. DuPont's Stren and Cortland's Plion are also low in memory. Low-memory usually indicates thinner diameter and excellent castability because of smooth passage through the guides.

Uniformity of mono is almost totally overlooked by anglers and is a property that calls for high quality control. If an angler wishes to tell how standard a line measures then a micrometer should be carried, for there is no other way of determining how much a line varies in diameter. Such high and low spots often produce variations in breaking points and could be as high as 25%. Therefore, the better the line in caliber, the more uniform it is. Uniformity is almost always associated with premium mono, but not always and breaking tests can differ with diameter. There is no law governing proper pound test labeling by manufacturers, it only applies to quantity of line supported on a spool for consumers and some lines tagged at 10 lbs. could break in reality at 30 lbs. Manufacturers do this to get an edge on other companies, claiming the strongest 10 lb. test line around. Tournament grade in monofilament should be steadfast in uniformity, but the line is usually considerably weaker than stated. A line of 15 lb. class tournament could break at 10 or 11 lbs. instead of 14 where it should be and when wet, may even be quite a bit less. This is why there are so few "tournament grade" mono lines labeled by manufacturers. It is very difficult to 100% guarantee a breaking test and label it that way. Through no fault of the manufacturer a line could become defective on a dealer's shelf or stored on an angler's reel, whereby the extruder is blamed.

If a line is limp it should cast better, right? Wrong! This statement is only partially true, basically in 2, 4, and 6 lb. test lines that are to be spooled on small diameter spinning reels. Conventional reels call for 20 lb. test and better in casting. Such placid line just does not flow freely and is usually too stretchy. On the other hand, wiry lines are just as bad as the extra limp type and both are difficult to control. It is generally the economy grade monofilaments which have these extreme properties. Premium mono has controlled flexibility and proper balance characteristics. It is also a more forgivable type line able to withstand a sudden surge of energy.

One would tend to believe that nylon, because of its solid state will not absorb water, but it does, in the form of gas and becomes saturated within two hours after being used. A wet line is weaker than a dry one and stretches even more. In fact, some wet lines stretch between 30% and 40% more than others. So it would be advisable to check into the elasticity of a mono before purchasing it. Remember, a thinner diameter line will absorb less water than a thicker and will also reach a maximum depth penetration faster.

A fisherman should change lines on his reels at least once a year, but can be upped if the usage is heavy during a season and if under severe hazardous conditions such as on sand, around rocks, docks and pilings. How does the angler tell whether a line is losing something, or is beginning to break down? Color is one way. If faded, or full in color instead of containing a sheen, then it's time to discard it. When interior molecules begin to break down, it causes the line to produce a white powder, signaling a time to change old mono. This white powder is also the outside coating of lubrication that has dried and is deteriorating. If unsure of nicks or cuts on the line, run a section between your moistened lips because they are more sensitive than oily fingertips. Always check line rollers on spinning reels for groove marks, or wear on guides, which cause abrasion problems. If unable to determine whether there are any defects in a line take a section in both hands and pull, not tug, but pull to see if the line will part easily. Do this with several lengths before a definite decision is made.

Direct heat and ultra-violet light rays affect all unprotected monofilament lines. Never leave a spooled reel in the back window of a car, nor in the trunk where temperatures reach above 90°. This environment disarranges the nylon molecules and causes deterioration of the balanced properties. Bulk line should be stored in cartons, in a cool, dry place away from harmful sunlight.

Always have reels filled at least 1/8" below the spool's edge and that is for both spinning and conventional. Premium mono is the least expense an angler has during a season and could save money in the long run. Choose high quality monofilament and it will never let the big ones get away.

# WEAKS & ESOX NIGER

BY FRED GUARDINEER

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# CLEANING TABLES

## by John Wilkinson

There are some fishermen who, for reasons I confess to not totally understand, feel that lugging fish home to be cleaned in the kitchen is the way to go. Many, if not all, fish taste better if cleaned (or at least gutted and gilled) as soon as practical after being caught. Besides, doing it at home leaves a mess to be cleaned in the kitchen, and a problem (hopefully not a big one) in disposing of the heads, guts, etc.

My preference is to clean my fish either during the boat ride home, or at the dock before leaving for home. Cleaned fish go in the cooler, and the unwanted parts go in the drink. Over the years I have seen many different, and sometimes rather novel, ideas for fish cleaning tables. What follows are a few of the better ones I can recall.

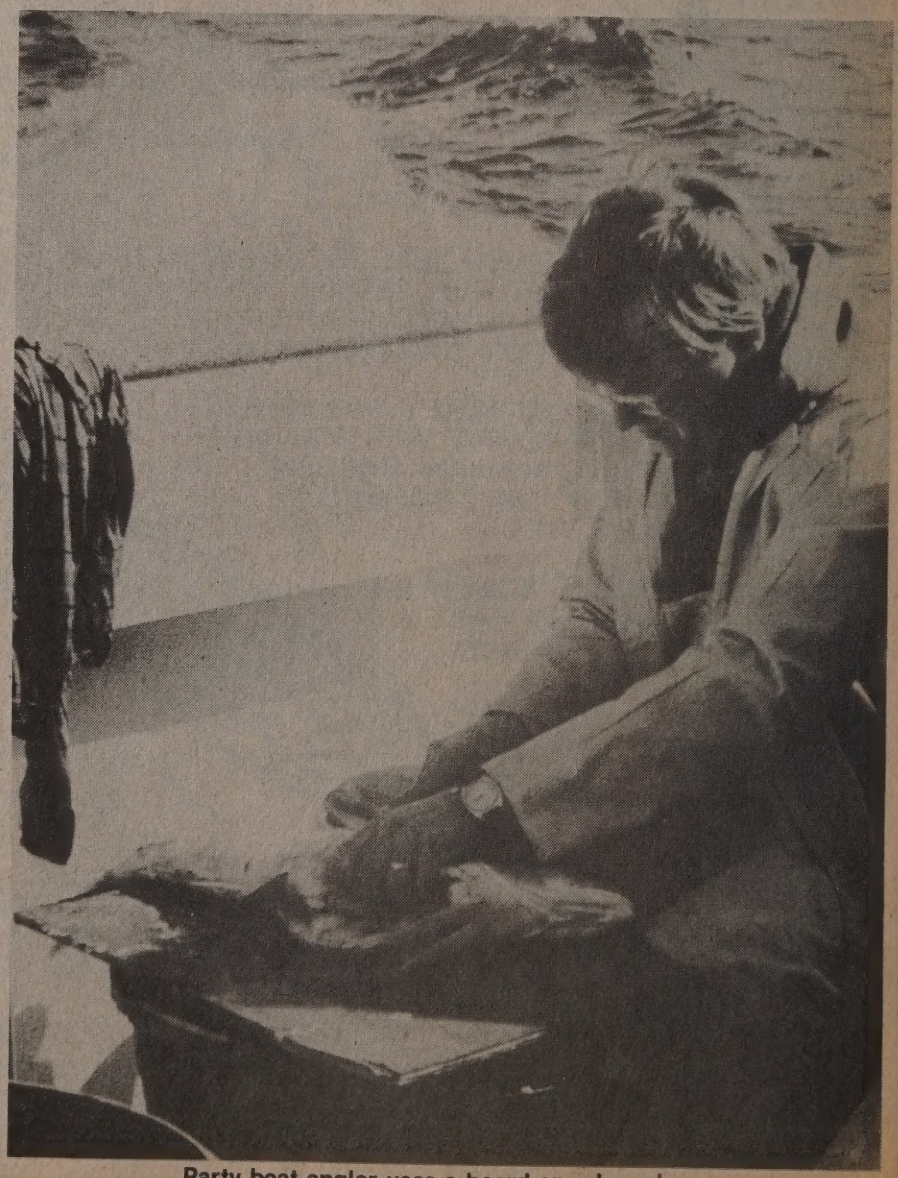
The standard party boat cleaning table is a permanent fixture hinged on the rail on the stern sides. When not in use, the table hangs down outboard of the railing, and when in use it is simply rotated up and held in place by a pipe cupped over the bottom rail. It's a fine arrangement; the only problem is that there is typically enough space for maybe six to eight people cleaning fish—not much room considering most reasonable sized party boats are licensed to carry over fifty people! A friend had the simplest answer going for this one: a 2'x3' chunk of plywood. A cooler and another cooler or a barrel, and he was in business. Sit on one, put the plywood on the other and clean away. Even better was when the barrel was used to store the day's catch!

Another alternative for dressing a day's catch on a party boat is to pay the mate to do it. Sounds expensive, but I have found that some were so cheap that I couldn't justify not having them do it. You'll also note on many party boats that there are some centralized cleaning tables usually located on top of large coolers or bait storage compartments. These are quite often for use by the mates, and you should check with them before using these yourself.

It is usually difficult to clean fish when back at the dock in a party boat port. Either fish cleaning is just plain prohibited for one reason or another, or the facilities are non-existent or are in less than great shape having been used by leagues of anglers for the last umpteen years. If planning to clean fish at the party boat dock, I suggest checking in the morning as to the feasibility of such an operation.

On a private boat, most folks I know prefer not to clean fish while under way. There are two basic reasons for this: one is that a private boat is usually smaller and less stable than a large party boat and manipulating a sharp knife becomes a tricky affair; and the other is that the stern of a private boat is usually more difficult to clean after getting scales, blood, etc., all over the place. However, if you do decide to clean fish on a private boat, the plywood board on the coolers as noted above is simple and good as anything (we use this when chunking in a chum slick all day for shark, giant tuna, or bluefish). If your boat has stern railings, the board could be fitted with clips such as used to store boat poles and gaffs. This would work well in the corner where two sections of rail meet.

In private marinas I have seen all manner of cleaning tables. The simplest is just that: a table—four legs and a top. And this would be fine, except there seems to be a large contingent of people out there who have no problem leaving the table a mess—blood, scales, guts, the works! It doesn't take too much of this before those small, white and very undesirable creatures are crawling around (I've seen this in several locations). Because of this, many people have opted for some kind of private arrangement where the table is put up to clean your own catch, and cleaned



**Party boat angler uses a board on a barrel.**

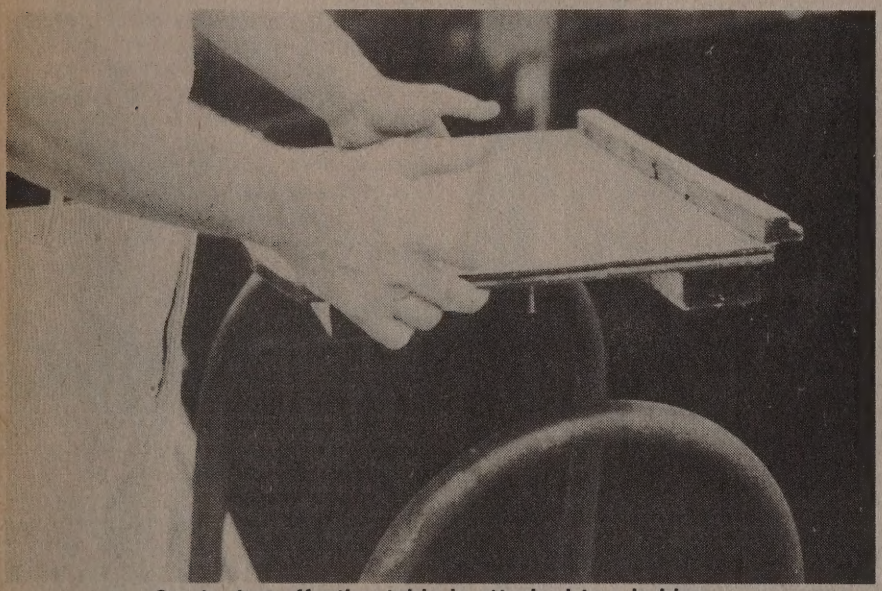
and stowed away for your own personal use.

If you are considering constructing a table, two items to consider are top material and height. For me, the best cleaning table top is plywood. Other materials such as stainless and formica may look nice and clean easily, but slimy fish just don't hold still very well on them. The table should be about waist high for the average person. It should definitely not be too low. Bending over to clean a mess of fish is a back-breaker, if anything. Err on the high side.

The height and material lesson was learned in a marina where I recently had a slip. They had a plywood table which wasn't the best in the world, but it served the purpose. Someone decided to jazz things up and installed an old commercial-type stainless sink and counter—so now things slid around and the drain was forever clogged with fish debris. Someone else (or maybe the same person, I don't know) decided that the dirt, sometimes muddy, parking lot we stood in was bad; so they installed some wood flooring. Our feet stay dry, but you get a backache from bending over to clean your catch.

However, back to personal tables to be stowed away when not in use. Most of these are variations on the same theme: a flat surface with a stop on the outboard edge to keep stuff from rolling off, and some way to temporarily affix it on top of something available near your boat. The items I have seen them on include: pilings (put two 2x4s permanently on top of the piling and hold your board on top using pins through the board into holes into the 2x4s), dock boxes (just lay the board on top, although height may be a problem unless you sit while cleaning), and boarding ladders (pin the board into the top of wooden ladders, or use pins in the center of a metal railing with shims to keep the table steady).

Well, these are a few ideas. I'm sure there are many more and many improvements that can be made. However, one parting word for private boat owners: try not to get a slip close to a permanently installed cleaning table—the sea gulls can be murder on your foredeck and canvas!



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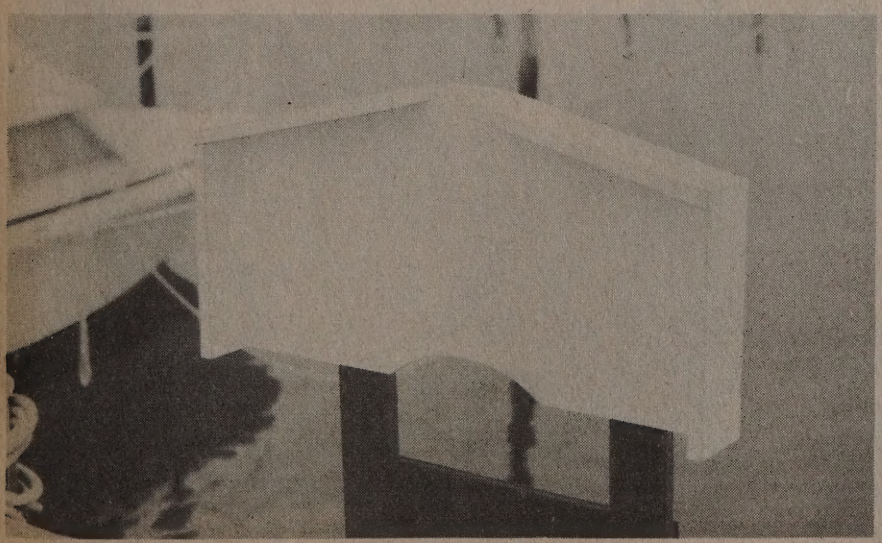

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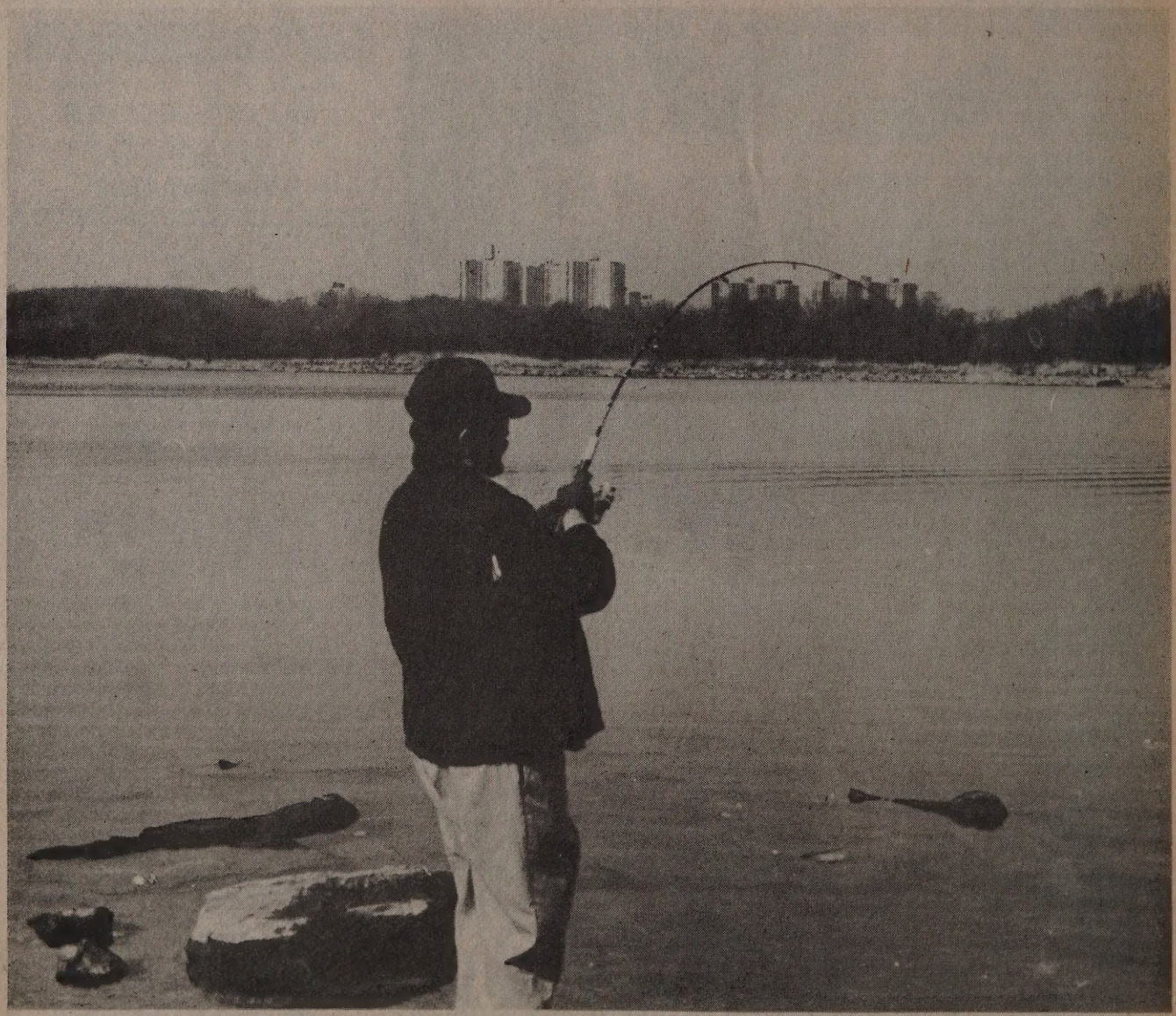
# FAIRY WANDS, GOSSAMER STRING

## *by Andy Regina*

**Ultra-light tackle can be an efficient tool in the hands of any angler willing to take the time to understand it.**

There's something funny about seeing a 200 lb. guy clambering down the rocks of a jetty with tiny rod and reel clutched in a paw better suited to swatting opposing linemen than casting miniature lures. Funnier yet is the sight of this same guy lumbering along the length of a bridge, with outstretched arm extending this fairy wand in an attempt to avoid being wrapped around a piling by a small striper attached to the other end, before he can climb down to land it on the beach. Not so funny is the ridicule this poor guy is often subjected to, by conventional fishermen unflexibly set in their own archaic angling methods.

Ultra-light spinfishing is a relatively new experience that is often considered impractical by seasoned anglers as well as many potentially interested neophytes. The reasons they give for disliking this comparatively untapped source of piscatorial pleasure are diverse, based on conjecture, hearsay, and bearing no relation to the truth. The fact of the



**Working rocky or grassy shore lines around daybreak can pay dividends for the conscientious ultra-light angler seeking stripers.**

matter is that ultra-light spinfishing can be a completely enjoyable method of fishing, ultimately becoming extremely productive for those willing to give it a fair trial.

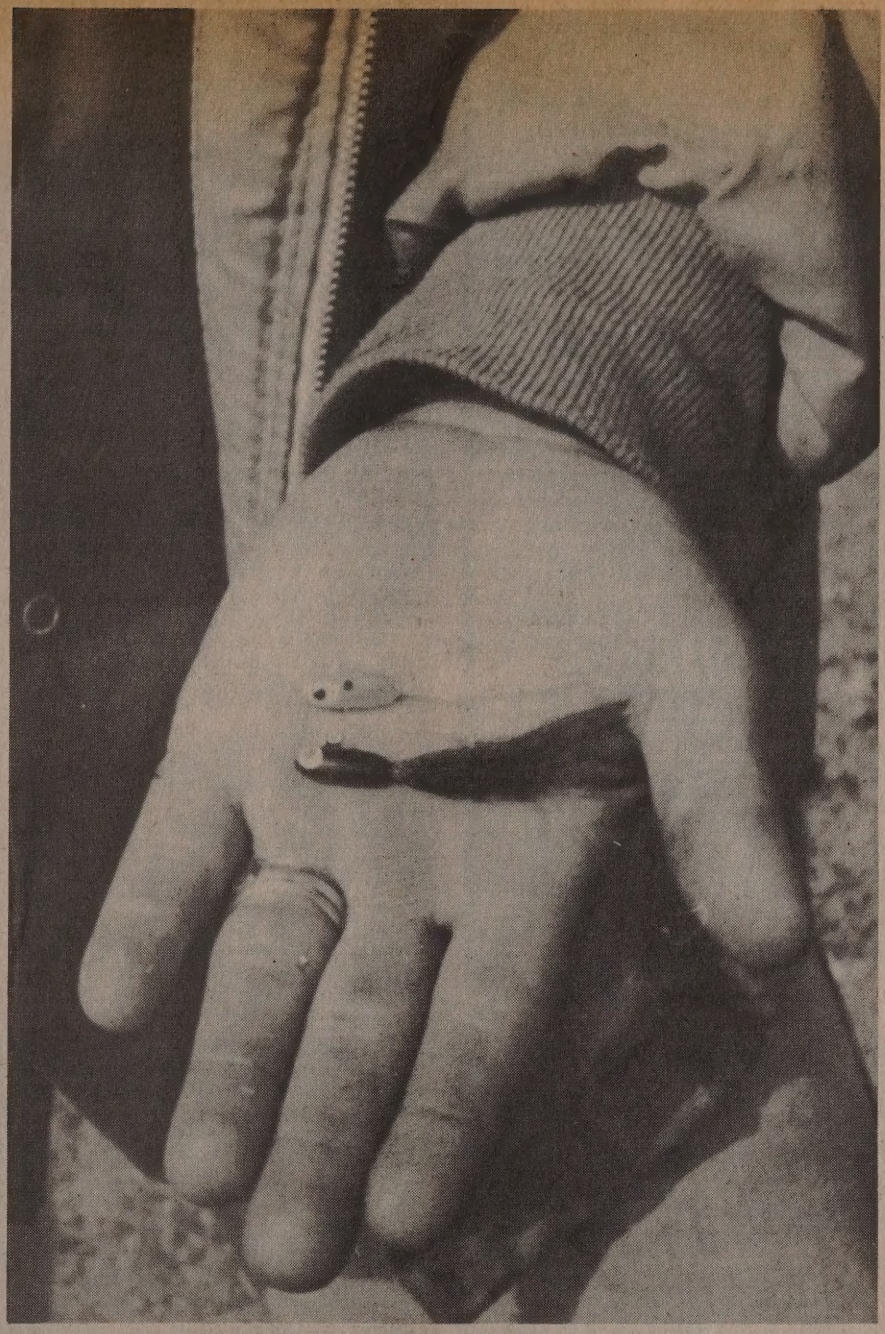
This is not to say that ultra-light spinfishing is the panacea to cure all ills—nothing is. There is no single method that covers every facet of every fishing situation. There is no single method that is the one answer to all your fishing problems, and there will never be one simple answer, not as long as we need specialized tackle to meet specific circumstances. We will not argue with those who favor any specific method of fishing, or with those who prefer one particular type of tackle over any other. To each his own, as that old torch song said, but if you want to double your pleasure and double your fun, as the modern chewing gum jingle says, we strongly recommend that you give ultra-light spinning a fair try.

Because of the popularity of fishing bait on bottom, we'd like to tackle that method first, if you'll pardon the pun, and argue our case for ultra-light spinning therein. Most fishermen favor fairly stout rods for bottom fishing, along with conventional reels and line that is generally in the 30 lb. class. With this type of tackle, sinkers used can run the gamut from 4 or 5 oz. anywhere up to and including 16 oz., depending on where you fish, water depth, tidal conditions, and current strength. Rough bottom structure and the size of fish expected to be caught also enter into the picture, making the argument for heavy bottom fishing tackle even more formidable.

Well, it ain't necessarily so, my friend. Given the same existing conditions, ultra-light spinning tackle can perform as well as, if not better than, the heavy stuff, except maybe in a strong wind. Naturally, in extremely windy conditions, ultra-light spinning tackle cannot compete with heavy conventional boat tackle, but if it's blowing that badly you shouldn't be out on the water in the first place, anyhow. We strongly suggest that under these conditions you allow discretion to be the better part of valor, and postpone your outing to another, perhaps more sane day for water travel.

Normally though, the extremely fine diameter of the light monofilament lines used in conjunction with ultra-light spinning will permit you to hold bottom securely with exceptionally light sinkers. These mini-sinkers, often weighing no more than 1/8 oz., do the job because that ultra-thin mono offers very little water resistance, thus eliminating excessive bellying that can drag sinkers all over the bottom. Without this drag, the tiny sinkers are sufficiently heavy enough to keep your baited hooks directly on the bottom, where all the action is.

Besides being heavy enough to keep ultra-light lines put, these sinkers are also light enough to actually increase your sense of feeling by not detracting from the slightest nibble. This acute sense of touch now allows you to detect more bites, thereby increasing your successful hooking potential. Another delightful benefit that can be directly attributed to using these ultra-light sinkers is the fact that panfish can actually fight stronger and longer when they do not have to haul heavy sinkers around, providing ultra-light fishermen with more pleasure and greater thrills.



**Close-up of those deadly 1/8 oz. Boone Shad jigs. All-black versions have proven to be consistent producers in the Sound.**

Porgies, notoriously shy creatures anyhow, seem less reluctant to approach baits presented with ultra-light tackle, possibly because the almost invisible monofilament lines used present no suspicious distractions underwater. Also notorious as bait stealers, porgies are easily detected with ultra-light tackle, but whether it is because of the extremely light sinkers now used or the hyper-sensitive rods employed in this method, we cannot honestly say, and must assume that it is probably a combination of both factors.

We do know, however, that we feel bites much better this way, detecting a slight metallic "tic" that precedes actual bites that we think might be from the porgy touching some part of the metal hook as he prepares to steal the bait. By setting the hook at this time, rather than waiting for the customary tug of a porgy bite, we have increased our successful hook-ups over 100%.

Flounder fishing, normally light tackle sport anyhow, is made more enjoyable through the use of ultra-light spinning gear also. The use of light sinkers and the increased

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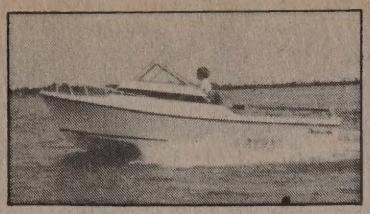
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sensitivity of ultra-light spinning tackle enables anglers to take advantage of a method that is guaranteed to increase your catch of bragging sized flounder.

For years knowledgeable flattie fishermen have used bright painted sinkers, jigging them on bottom to attract flounder to their worm baited hooks. Whether attracted by the bright color or the puffs of mud raised while jigging the sinker, flounder do come flocking over to investigate and fall easy victims to the angler's baited hooks. Stealing a technique from southern anglers, we impale a tiny piece of seaworm on 1/8 oz. yellow bucktail jigs, which we use instead of the regular two hook flounder rigs so common to everyone. Once again, this slight weight is sufficient to keep you on the bottom, and that yellow jig bouncing up and down works its magnetic magic just as surely as the sinkers of conventional rigs. The tiny piece of worm, rigged to trail from the jig hook in a natural manner, tempts flounder to bite, imparting their slight nibbles to your fingers through the sensitive rod tip, which again will increase your successful hooking ratio, but with one additional pleasant surprise.

Because the hooks of these tiny jigs are somewhat larger than conventional flounder hooks, only large fish can ingest them, becoming doubly beneficial by eliminating fish too small to eat that might otherwise be harmed while being unhooked and released. Though our family does not eat much fish, fillets made from the large flounder caught via this method are always welcomed, and eaten with relish. (No pun intended!)

Blackfish impose more of a problem for tiny tackle due to their greater size and the rough bottom structure they inhabit. Feeding on crabs and shellfish, blackfish haunt wrecks and rocks that are covered with barnacles and mussels—two tasty tautog tidbits that they pry loose with chisel-like front teeth. These crustaceans can easily nick monofilament lines and can quite easily cut completely through the gossamer wisps used in ultra-light spinning. Here we strongly advise using a shock line, which is simply a length of heavier mono that is tied to the end of your line to better absorb the punishment meted out by these sharp hazards. We also advise using slightly tighter drags that would permit better control of hooked fish, but not so tight that the line would be completely unyielding, which would allow big fish to break off.

Not only is quick hook setting mandatory to successful blackfishing, but you must also keep any hooked fish from regaining access to the rocks or wreck again, where you most assuredly would have your line irretrievably wedged into some nook or cranny. The light sinker and sensitive rod once again affords acute feel of bites, ensuring quicker hooking and a properly set reel drag will help you keep the fish free from underwater obstacles.

Once off the bottom, these battling bulldogs will put up a fight to remember, but can be fought to a standstill confidently if you permit the tiny tackle to do the job it was designed to do. Pump and reel when the fish relaxes for a moment and allow it to expend its energy against the drag when it feels like fighting. The winning combination of properly set drag and a flexible rod tip will whip the toughest of fighters eventually, and most of your fish will be brought to boatside completely spent and ready for the net. We cannot over-emphasize the importance of netting all fish caught on ultra-light spinning tackle, even completely spent fish. Lifted out of the water, fish weights are no longer displaced by that water, which would place the entire strain of lifting them entirely on your tackle, proving too much for fragile lines or fairy wands to handle.

To get back to shock lines for a moment, we neglected to mention that they should be about twice the test strength of your line and about twice the length of your fishing rod. This ensures gaining several turns of the shock line onto your reel as you go to net your fish, giving additional insurance against broken lines if the fish makes a last minute spurt for the bottom.

Where ultra-light spinfishing really shines is in fishing with lures. Modern lure manufacturing technology produces a host of tiny tempters that really catch fish, many of which boast built-in action that simplifies their efficient use. The angler has only to determine proper fish feeding levels, then fish those levels with whatever lures he feels may be most productive at that time. Locating the proper feeding level is the key, and you can do so by utilizing your depth recorder properly—learning to differentiate between bait and predator by the magnitude of the flashes, or seeing it more graphically illustrated by the stylus of chart recorders.

Locating feeding levels without a depth recorder is more difficult, but can be accomplished by strata fishing. Here you first fish upper levels with topwater lures, progressing to mid-level with deeper running lures if topwater efforts prove unsuccessful. Should mid-depths prove barren also, proceed to the bottom with lures that reach way down there, thereby covering all levels and eventually striking pay dirt—the productive feeding level for that particular time and place.

The one lure that can fish every level efficiently is the jig. Be it bucktail, nylon, feather, or one of the many new soft plastic tails, the jig will definitely locate fish at any strata, if used properly. Many of the plastic tails need no action other than that supplied by the plastic itself, but other jigs rely on action supplied by the angler jigging the rod while retrieving line. In this instance, some practice is required to develop proper

fish-catching techniques, and you must experiment constantly.

At times jigs dragged slowly across the bottom will induce strikes, while at other times a hopping motion will turn the trick. The addition of a strip of squid or pork rind might make a difference, so make it a practice to tip your jigs from time to time. Once you master jigging techniques you will discover that jigs are efficient lures, and will soon learn to rely on them.

If you've ever seen a bluefish pounce on a popping plug or a striper blast a surface swimmer, you'll understand why we say that topwater lures evoke pleasant memories. Of all fish caught on lures, those taken on surface plugs remain most vividly fixed in your mind due to the thrill of actually seeing the fish strike. Plugs such as swimmers, poppers, and darters all catch fish, and should be part of your ultra-light arsenal. Most swimming plugs have built-in action supplied by a swim plate installed under the front nose, and need only to be retrieved to produce a natural swimming effect. Poppers and darters rely on the shape of the face of the plug to produce proper motion, activated by the angler retrieving those plugs with sweeps of the rod, along the lines of jigging bucktails. All of the surface plugs will score, the swimmers being more effective at night and poppers and darters during daylight.

Ultra-light fishing calls for tiny plugs, often weighing no more than 1/4 oz., and for some strange reason game fish that won't respond to regular size lures attack these mini-lures with a vengeance. Perhaps the smaller lures more closely resemble local baitfish, or perhaps game fish consider them easy pickings. Whatever the reason, we chalk it up to one more bonus to be credited to ultra-light tackle, and hold onto our rods and enjoy it when it happens.

Scratching bottom remains one of the most productive methods of consistently catching fish, and your choice of lures here is virtually unlimited. There are deep-diving plugs that can reach depths of 30', those versatile jigs we spoke of earlier, and the diamond jigs, any and all of which can be had in miniature versions that might better match tiny tackle. As with mini-sinkers, tiny jigs of 1/8 oz. can be fished on bottom because of the light lines used for ultra-light fishing, and they entice game fish for the same reasons that mini-plugs do.

Tiny plastic-tails account for many bass, blues, and weaks, as well as fluke and white perch. Simply fish these lures s-l-o-w-l-y on bottom, either with a hopping motion or by swimming them a foot above the bottom, then dropping them to the bottom for a bit before swimming them upwards again. Tiny diamond jigs can be jigged or yo-yo'ed on bottom, or squidded quickly towards the surface; both techniques catch fish, but you must see which works best each time out.

The keyword is experimentation, which will be a breeze, using tiny tackle that does not tire you out easily. Shoot for the best tackle that you can afford, and stick to well-known manufacturers because they have been in business for years, due to the superior quality of their products being in constant demand by discriminating fishermen.

Reels should have excellent drag systems, and quality reels are synonymous with perfect drags. Rods must have extra-fast tips to cast feather-weight lures, and powerful butts to subdue gamesters when you get lucky. Line, too, is extremely important to ultra-light fishing, for not only must it be strong at low test strengths and tough enough to withstand some abrasion, it must also be soft and supple to lay on the reel correctly.

The diminutive size of ultra-light spinning tackle causes ignorant people to refer to it as a toy. Actually, this tackle is a precision instrument in the hands of skilled anglers, and though midget in size, it is a giant in performance, capable of handling workloads better suited to heavier gear. Learn to use your ultra-light spinning tackle properly and take care of it faithfully; it will perform unfailingly for you, and cause you to become a firm believer in fairy wands and gossamer string!


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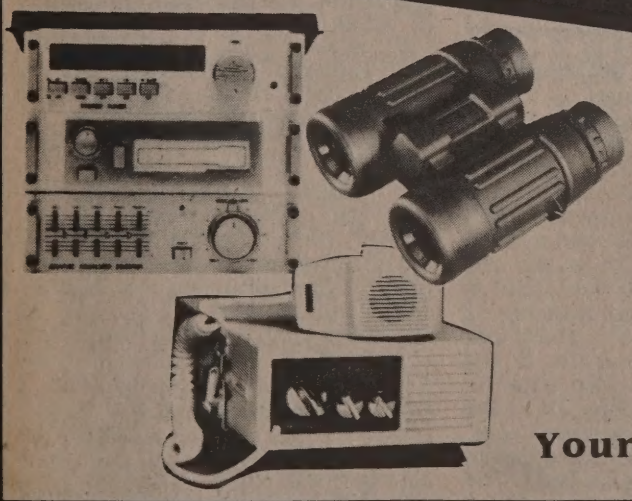

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# TWILIGHT AT NOYAC

## by Gerald Hahn

Noyac Bay is a 2½-mile-square pocket in the Peconic Bay system. It is confined by two peninsulas: Jessup's Neck on the west side and North Haven on the east. Linking the two peninsulas is a cove on the south or mainland side at Pine Neck and Long Beach. Only the north side of Noyac Bay is exposed to Peconic Bay and the swift currents of Shelter Island Sound.

In the spring, surfcasters fish various parts of Noyac, primarily for weakfish, but also for school blues later on, an occasional bass and such bottom species as flounder and porgies. The bottom of this bay consists largely of sand, with patches of seaweed, and in the backwaters, mud and eelgrass.

Noyac's most popular surf spots no doubt are found along Jessup's Neck which houses the Morton National Wildlife Refuge. It's a long two-mile trek from the parking area to the northern tip of the neck, but good fishing spots are located along the way. For instance, two fish traps about halfway to the tip should definitely be explored between the middle and end of May. At this time, the peak of the spring weakfish run, a number of party boats, including the Capt. Clark, Wilhelric, Peconic Star and Brand X, drift for weaks near these traps, and the surfcaster who fishes here may be rewarded with a tiderunner over 5 lbs. Since the traps are close to each other on the Peconic Bay (west) side, both can be readily explored for weaks as well as bottom fish. The tip of Jessup's faces the equally rewarding Middle Grounds, where numerous boat renting fishermen drift in deep water and strong currents for weaks and later on for school blues. Surf fishing hours are restricted to the day at Jessup's, but in the spring there is ample time to fish before dark. Check in the Park office for current information.

Heading east along Noyac Road, a left turn at Pine Neck Avenue leads to a point that curves around Mill Creek, the configuration resembling the swift channels at Sebonac Neck and Towd Point to the west. Working both sides of the Point around an evening tidal change, anglers catch weakfish coming and going in May and small blues in June. Good bottom fishing here, too, for flounder and porgies.

East of Pine Neck, the road is suddenly surrounded by water on both sides, by Sag Harbor Cove on the right and Noyac Bay on the left. This beach, a favorite for resident bathers in the summer, is fished on the bay side on the spring. Here, too, bottom fishing begins with flounder, but sometime in June, quicker porgies take over. Some of these scup, by the way, are humpbacks over 1½ lbs. Noyac is the recipient of a brief run of sea porgies at this time of year. Occasionally, a weakfish is landed here, as well. Unlike Jessup's safari, the surfcaster will find ample parking space opposite Long Beach.

**"I too am a visitor, and when I leave, I leave nothing more than tracks in the sand that will be washed away by the next flood tide."**

The North Haven Peninsula should be explored, as well, especially near the south ferry to Shelter Island. A block or two east and west of the ferry, two tide rips are evident, and nighttime boat fishermen can be seen trolling around them for weaks and bass. The east rip at Tyndal Point is easily spotted, and the west rip is reached from the end of a short rock jetty. Casts should be made to the right of these rips into deep water on the outgoing tide and to the left on the incoming tide. A meandering creek, framed by thickets on the opposite bank, is just west of this jetty. The creek, which resembles an idyllic freshwater stream and supports a small marina, flows through a narrow inlet into Shelter Island Sound. Although the inlet entrance is so narrow, you run the risk of casting to the opposite shore and snagging on the pilings, it sustains more predators than you would think. Weaks in the 4 lb. class swim in and out of this bathtub, as well as school blues and bass, and an occasional blackfish dining on the worms and crustaceans that hide in the pilings. Numerous small flounder and porgies and large eels feed here, as well; two good spots being where the creek widens behind the inlet and off the pilings at the inlet entrance.

Although weaks come and go throughout the day in the spring, the twilight hours are favored by many surfcasters at Noyac, not only because these hours fit their daytime work schedules, but also because weaks are more active in the evening when fishing pressure from boat anglers slows down. Match up your evening surf trip to any of these spots with a tidal change and you have a good chance to land a weak.

Noyac's surf men use an 8', whippy spinning rod, a small matching reel and 10 lb. test. I usually bring two rods here: one as mentioned and a second 9' rod with 12 lb. test for bait.

Lures for weakfish are similar to the kinds used elsewhere. Metal under an ounce and preferably with a white bucktail or split-tail tube on the hook, 3/8 to 5/8 oz. leadhead jigs with soft plastic tails in fluorescent red, white and yellow, and leadhead "bucktails" in white or yellow, are favored. Various plastic tails are coupled with the leadheads—jellyworms, shrimp tails, grubs and tiger tails. All these lures are worked slowly along the bottom, with moderate retrieves and gentle rod tip action. Small 3½" to 4½" floating and sinking plugs, such as those made by Rebel, Rapala, Cordell, MirroLure and Nils Master, are effective, as well. Chrome, blue or green flecked with yellow or red, are good colors, and plugs may be straight or jointed. With the exception of these plugs, all the other lures are enhanced when sweetened with a whole sandworm or a strip of squid.

Indeed, many Noyac anglers favor bait to lures and rig up with sandworms or squid. A high-low rig is tied to the main line or preferably to a long leader of 30 lb. test on a three-way swivel. Size 2/0 Beaks or Claws snelled on 18" leaders of 30 lb. test, are connected to the leader, the bottom hook to a dropper loop about 3" from the sinker and the top hook through the third eye of the swivel, which bridges the original leader to

the main line via two improved clinch knots. An end loop at the bottom of the leader secures the sinker, usually a bank style weighing 1 to 3 oz. A squid below and a worm above and both levels are covered for a potential weakfish. Some anglers combine weakfishing at dusk with bottom fishing, by leaving the top hook for weaks (they prefer this hook by far) and substituting two tandem tied #10 Chestertowns or #1 Beaks below. The bottom hooks are baited with small pieces of worm, clam or mussel. Because these rigs are long, a 9' rod should be used.

By fishing with two rods, the larger one baited and set in a sand spike and the smaller one for casting lures, anglers soon determine what's on the weakfish menu and also gain on the bottom fishing while there's still light. At Shelter Island Sound and Pine Neck, either tide may be fished successfully. At the other places, I find the incoming tide better. To be sure, the greatest potential at all spots is when the current is moving.

No doubt, Noyac possesses other good fishing spots, but one problem is gaining access to them. Heavily wooded areas in North Haven, for instance, preclude accessibility to the shore. Moreover, many places here, including some of the ones mentioned, are privately owned and parking is restricted, so utmost discretion must be used, even in the spring.

Noyac Bay is reached by taking Rt. 27 east to Southampton and making a left at the North Sea/Shelter Island sign. Bait and information can be picked up at Speck's Bait and Tackle on Rt. 27. Tom knows this area well. Continue on North Sea Road, which twists and turns like a snake and changes its name to Noyac Road, until you reach the Morton Wildlife Refuge on your left in Noyac. About 1¼ miles up the main road, you will see Pine Neck Avenue on your left. Take this street to the end for fishing at Mill Creek. Long Beach comes soon after you make a left at the fork (a sign is clearly marked here). Parking, which extends for several blocks, is on the right. And if you continue to the end, now on Rt. 114, for two more miles, you will reach the ferry to Shelter Island, and you can park on the shoulder.

Noyac is one of those lovely places in Long Island where the proper balance between natural preserves and residential communities has thus far been maintained. Every time I fish here, I feel relaxed. Grouse and rabbits scurry across Noyac Road, and a startled deer occasionally dashes off through the thickets. Wild geese and brant fly over the marshes, herons are in the grassy wetlands, and snipe feed in the tidal wrack. There are many seasonal wildlife visitors to Noyac. But I, too, am a visitor, and when I leave, I leave nothing more than tracks in the sand that will be washed away by the next flood tide. So should you.


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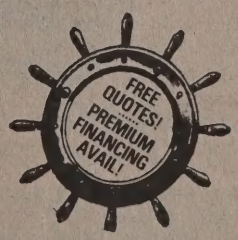


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# SUNGLASS HOLDER

## by Ken Gerhardt

I'm sure there are more frustrating things than losing a pair of sunglasses over the side of a boat, but offhand, I can't think of many. In addition to the not-so-incidental cost of replacing them, there is the excellent possibility of a splitting headache, squinty red eyes or worse—painful eye glare burn.

For some time a very light, efficient holder for sunglasses, made of monofil, was marketed under the name of "Snugger," by, I believe, Berkley. Occasionally one still sees these holders in tackle stores, but not too often. Not to worry, though; we can make our own for nothing (assuming we have some 30-80 lb. mono and a 16 penny nail).

**Photos 1 & 2—Materials Required:** (1) 10' of 30 to 80 lb. mono. I usually use 50 lb.; (2) A sixteen penny nail or thereabouts.

Starting at the point of the nail, lay the mono out towards the head. At the head start to wrap the mono tightly towards the point of the nail. Keep each coil touching its neighbor. Wind until the coils reach the nail point. Bring the free end up to the nail head and secure with a single overhand knot.

**Photo 3:** Make as many as you think you or your friends will use. The finished product is very small and weighs nothing. Six is a good number.

Put a quart or so of water in a sauce pan and bring to a boil. Place your finished "wound" nails in the water and boil for 15 min. to half an hour. Remove from heat and run under cold water for a couple of minutes.

Remove from the nail(s) and it should look like this.

**Photo 4:** Depending on the type of sunglasses you have, the holder is fastened as follows.

There are very popular and reasonably priced Polaroid sunglasses advertised for under $15, in grey and yellow which have holes drilled in each of the temples. Insert the straight ends of the coiled mono in each of these holes and tie a bulky knot (double overhand, figure 8, or whatever. There is no sensation of elastic on the back of one's head and certainly none of weight. The holder stretches when you want to take off your glasses and let them hang on your chest or whatever. Best of all, they are, for all intents and purposes, free. **Note:** Should you use sunglasses with flexible wire temples such as Bauch & Lomb Ray Ban's, just tie with a clinch knot around each temple.

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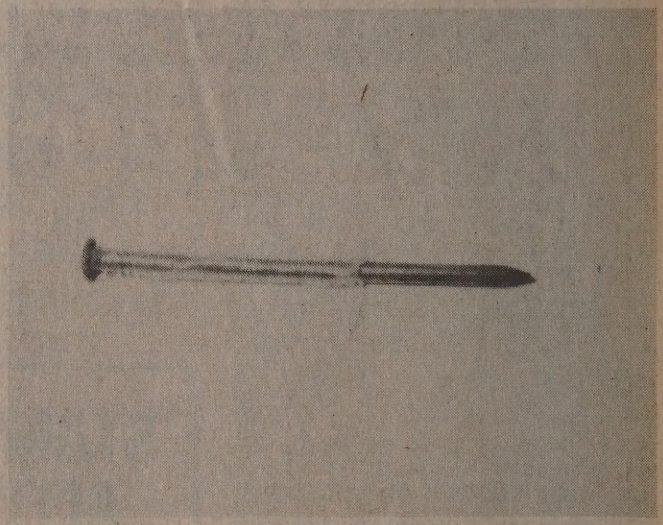

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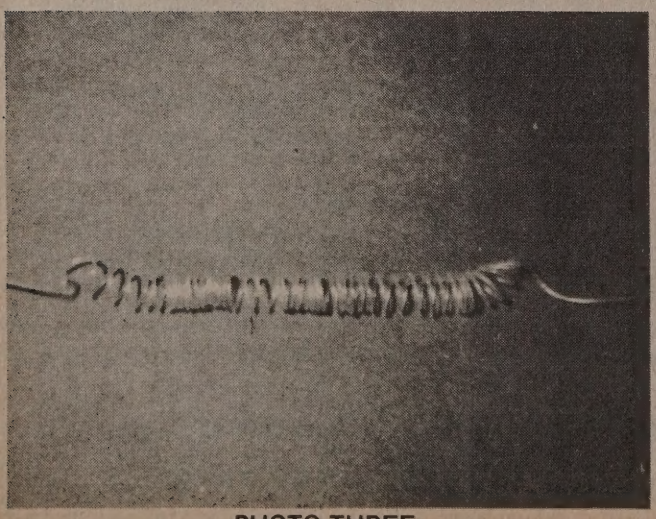

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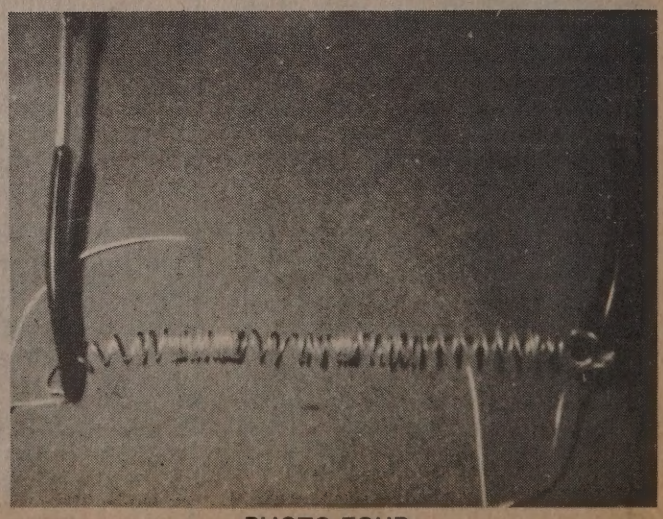

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# FLUKE FISHING BASICS

## by Matt Ahern

**Paying heed to this "old timer's" advice is certain to make you a better fluke fisherman.**

Some years ago I wrote an article entitled "Fluke Fishing in June." The first paragraph stated that "Fluke go anywhere in search of food, and by July they will have settled into those areas where pickings are best. But before this occurs, those ever-hungry fluke will have prowled the deepest to the shallowest parts of bays and creeks. All of which makes it easy for the June fluke fisherman."

All true, of course.

Fluke haven't changed their natural habits one bit. But for this old fluke fisherman things have certainly changed since writing those pearls of wisdom. The hair has grayed at an alarming rate, and horror of horrors, the then-balding patch has now fulfilled its destiny. But so what; the old enthusiasm is still there. That's what counts.

But I'm sure you didn't buy this magazine for the latest rundown on my state of leath. So let's get with it.

Last week I described fluke fishing as I knew it 55 years ago, and I promised to tell you in this week's article how I go about it today. Actually, the only thing that has changed since those long-gone days is that fewer fluke are now available. But don't let that discourage you; it means only that you will have to work harder for your fish than I did 55 years ago. Those fluke are still there. They still make their migratory trek to Long Island waters each spring. Nothing will ever stop that.

You know, it is strange that the fluke-catching methods I use today are the same as the ones I used so long ago. Nothing's changed in this respect—except for the fact that we now use nylon monofilament line instead of that old white Irish linen. This is a blessing. And reels. They've certainly changed for the better. Today, they are instruments of precision and workmanship, enabling even novice fishermen to cast easier and farther than we old-timers could ever hope to with our wooden sidewinders. Those old tough simple reels have earned their deserved rest. And rods. What beauties they are today! Gone are the converted hickory billiard cues and the stiff insensitive 2x4s we used then. And when have you last seen an old-fashioned dropline in use?

But as for fish-catching methods, these remain the same—for me, anyway.

As I've often mentioned when writing various fishing articles, the fisherman who knows the life style of the fish he seeks, is the one most likely to succeed. And nowhere is this more apparent than when fluke fishing.

Fifty-five years ago I used only a 3' leader and a 4/0 Sproat hook for my fluke fishing. What do I use today? A 3' leader and a 4/0 Sproat hook. I wouldn't change for all the fishing promises in the world. I use no flashers, spoons, or other artificial enticements. Just give me a lively 2" killie and perhaps a piece of fish bait in certain areas and I'm happy as all get out.

I believe it is in bait presentation where the average fluke fisherman comes a cropper. Especially the beginner. I can hardly blame him, though. At one time he's been told that fluke are hunters (which is true); therefore what better way for a fisherman to attract these hunters than to rig his terminal tackle with various types of shiny metal lures? Which is a fine idea—if the killie or whatever came equipped naturally with built-in whirling blades and other assorted ilk. I often wonder how the average fluke must react when it spots these bits of hardware zipping by.

Now I'm not saying that those fishermen who use these fluke-attractors do not catch fish. Of course they do. What I'm saying is that these fishermen would catch more if they left the gizmos in the tackle box and relied on proper bait presentation to do the job. (It's more exciting, too.)

Fortunately, fluke accept many types of bait; therefore, if it swims, they'll go for it. But some baits, such as that lively killie, will outfish others. But it is the presentation of that bait which separates the men from the boys. It is the one "secret" shared by all crackerjack fluke fishermen.

You cannot, for instance, cast a killie and allow it to remain quietly on bottom. The reason for this is readily apparent. A killie in its natural environment does not remain still. Check out the next school you see. If your boat is not drifting fast enough, or if you are shore-fishing, or at anchor, you must put some action into that killie. And don't forget: a killie does not have the stamina to overcome the weight of a hook—especially those long-shanked 4/0 or 5/0 Carlisle hooks commonly used for fluke. A word to the wise is sufficient.

But this doesn't mean you must jig with such force that the poor killie is yanked about like a whirling dervish. Most times in quiet areas a gentle jigging motion of no more than 3" is all that's required. In faster areas, such as around inlets and in channels, this can be increased to a foot, but rarely is more than this necessary. About the only exception is when at anchor during slack-tide periods. Then, because most fluke do not normally feed during this time, it is okay to jig that killie as much as 3' off bottom. By so doing, you can often get reluctant fluke to strike. I do it all the time.

What follows now is mostly for private boat or skiff fishermen, although shore fishermen may be able to salvage something from it.

When drifting your chosen area, don't become discouraged if action is not immediately forthcoming. Fluke lie in lanes—catch one fluke and you can be sure more will follow. If at any time you catch just one fluke and find the action has stopped, it means but one thing. You have skirted only the outer section of one of these lanes. You have missed the boat, so to speak.

Now comes a minor problem. There is no way of telling in what direction that fluke lane lies; but this is happily rectified.

Always carry a small marker buoy with you when drifting for fluke. Have it within easy reach when you begin your drift. The instant you hook a fluke, toss that buoy overboard. Quickly! Never wait until your fish is boated before doing this, for if you do, you will have drifted too far away to do any good. Of course, there's always the possible chance of stumbling upon another lane in the immediate vicinity should you continue on; but in these days of fewer fluke, this isn't too like to happen.

With that buoy as a guide, begin your next drift from any compass direction around it, but always within sight of the buoy. Use it as a focusing point. If there's no action, try another angle of approach. If you work it this way, plus being willing to put in a little time, you are sure to find the main body of fish. And when you do, quickly toss over another buoy and fish the area to a fare-thee-well. Just how long these fluke lanes are and how many fish they contain is anybody's guess. I've gotten as few as three and as many as 26 from one

area. But one thing is certain: you will find more than one fluke in your bucket when your day is over.

Now, it would be just jim-dandy if those fluke remained in one place all summer long. We'd have it made if this were so. But sad to say, they seldom do. If you are fortunate, you might find fluke in the same spot the next day—but don't count on it.

I recall locating an excellent fluke-producing lane one Saturday morning when fishing Shinnecock Bay just east of Bradley's old fishing station. I really knocked 'em dead that morning. So well, in fact, that I got in touch with my buddy Al Dunn and we made arrangements to repeat the leap job the next day.

Though we drifted the same area as I had 24-hours earlier, we might just as well have been fishing the Sahara for all the fluke we caught. Sea robins, yes, but no fluke. We put in a good two hours trying to locate those fish; when we did we found them a half-mile away, near the entrance to Shinnecock Canal. A week later, they were back off Bradley's again.

So much for locating fluke.

Now, let's look at tackle, bait, and so forth.

As for tackle, I use a medium-weight spinning rod and a matching reel filled with at least 100 yards of good quality 15 lb. test monofilament. As I've already mentioned, a 3' leader and 4/0 Sproat hook is standard for me. I make up my own leaders from 20 lb. test snelling material. The completed rig is attached about 3" above a 2 oz. bank sinker. And I'm extremely fussy about this distance above the sinker.

Why? Well, I've experimented along these lines for years. I've found that when I place the leader 6" above the sinker, there's never a noticeable lack of action (perhaps a little, but not much, really). But when I place that leader higher than this—say, one foot—my fishing results have fallen off drastically. Higher than this, I have yet to catch a fluke. Other fellows tell me they have not noticed this, so perhaps it is due to the way I fish.

I suggest you experiment a bit with this some day, but in the beginning I believe you should keep your leader tied in as close to the sinker as possible—especially if you plan to copy your fishing methods after mine.

As for swivels and other assorted hardware, I don't use them. I think a three-way swivel is justified when fluke fishing, but because I'm from the old school which says the less hardware the better, I believe I'm prejudiced. Certainly no harm is done when using a three-way swivel in strong currents. Someday, I'm afraid, I shall grit my teeth and try one of those swivels.

My hook, of course, has always been a 4/0 Sproat. I like its lightness and strength. I have caught doormat fluke to 13 lbs. with these hooks and have no cause for complaint. For the beginner, though, its one drawback is its regular-length shank. For some fellows this shank never seems long enough simply because the thought of reaching into that cavernous mouth armed with its rows of sharp, strong teeth instantly ready to wreak havoc on careless fingers, is enough to make the best of us hesitate. But this doesn't trouble me one bit, for I never remove a deeply-embedded hook this way.

If a hook is "down deep," I remove it by going in through the gill cover, grasping the hook with my fingers and pulling it free, which, when the fish is held head down, allows the hook to drop free from the open mouth. (Of course, you can always use a hook disgorger, but mine is never on hand when I need it.) Needless to say, this gill-method should only be used after some fishing experience has been gained. Even so, I still think you should rely on 4/0 Sproats to put more fluke in your bucket.

Now, bait. You already know I believe a lively 2" killie is best. Many fellows use spearing or sand eels instead—which is fine, providing each is fresh. I've never had much success with thawed fish bait of this type. In minutes it becomes an unrecognizable blob on the end of my hook, rarely keeping its natural shape for long. At least, mine never do.

I would rather use squid than frozen spearing or sand eels—and I'm not overly enthused about squid as fluke bait unless it is absolutely fresh and netted from nearby waters; which can be a tall order. Of course, there are times when killies are just not available (or priced out of this world). But not to worry. I use a bait which I believe ranks second best to killies: sea robin.

Sea robins are a blessing in disguise. Of all the fish baits I've used over the years, none has produced as well as the sea robin. Especially for bay and creek fishing. Why some fishermen deliberately kill sea robins for no reason is beyond me. Now, I'm not wholly guiltless in this, for I, too, have done my share of needless sea robin slaying. But I haven't done so in years. Nor shall I ever again. Say what you will about these creatures, they are there for a purpose. And it isn't just for fishermen like me to convert into fish bait.

But convert them into bait I do at every opportunity. I know sea robins are a pain in the neck, especially in early fluke season when it seems they are all we catch. But we old-timers have lived with them for years and no matter what happens, we shall continue to do so.

There are two types of sea robins caught locally. One is small-mouthed and drab in appearance; the other is much larger with an over-sized mouth and those beautiful colors which give


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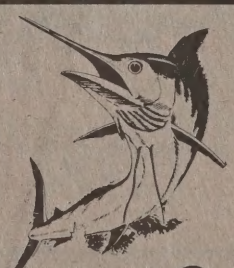

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it its name. I only use that smaller drab fellow. The meat is firmer when used as bait and I sometimes think the fluke know the difference. I know I've always had more success with these smaller robins. It isn't unusual to catch a half-dozen fluke on one piece of sea robin before it becomes too ragged for further use.

Preparation is easy and takes but seconds. The important thing to remember is not to scale. The tough skin with its scales intact keeps the bait supple. It also prevents a cagey fluke from tearing it off the hook. If that fluke is truly desperate for your strip of sea robin, it will have to work for it. And in so doing, it can't avoid the hook. It is a nearly foolproof bait.

Here's how to prepare sea robin for bait.

Lay the fish on its side, preferably on a board. Use a sharp knife and just aft of the vent make a cut through the side to the backbone. Run the knife along the backbone to the tail and slice off the strip. Repeat on the other side. Now slice each piece in half, lengthways. This will give you four perfectly tapered pieces: two light colored, and two dark colored. Use the light colored strips over known mud bottom; the dark ones over sand. Approximately every 15 minutes put on a fresh piece. Fluke will not accept fish bait which contains bits of weed and other bottom debris.

An average strip of sea robin will be 3'' or 4'' long, which means you should give the fluke time to get it down. I can't tell you exactly when to strike; fluke hit fish strips differently than live bait. What works for me may not necessarily work for you.

But I can tell you this: when using fish bait, you will seldom feel a ''bite'' in the true sense of the word. What you will feel is sudden weight. Just give the fluke a few seconds to get the strip down, then raise the rod with a strong lift.

Whether you use a killie along with a strip of sea robin is entirely up to you, but I have never found it to be necessary. The important thing is to give that sea robin strip a natural lifelike action. Incidentally, if the strip is too thick, don't hesitate to trim it. It will plane along the bottom more gracefully.

When hooking your killie, there is only one proper way to do it. **Don't** hook that killie through the back—it will spin and twirl causing twisted leaders. **Don't** hook that killie in the tail; what fluke ever saw a killie swim backward? **Do** hook your killie by carefully inserting the hook in the mouth and out the gill cover. If you do this, you will be surprised just how long that killie will stay active. And should the killie show signs of tiring, it is easy to remove and return to the killie box for rejuvenation. Waste nothing in Nature.

One more thing. When I ended that long-ago article ''Fluke Fishing in June,'' I wrote: ''Don't forget a net. You'll need it.'' That hasn't changed, either.

# East End Report

**by Stu Miller**

## MONTAUK

While large, medium and small cod are still being caught in good numbers, the biggest news to break is the influx of giant pollack which are being caught on both downriggers and diamond jigs along with the cod catches or by their lonesome.

Aboard Captain Jack Passie's charter boat **Windy**, Thursday's charter scored with 27 pollack from 20-35 lbs. and two cod south of Block Island. Downriggers were employed and also diamond jigs once the fish were found. Sekora tubes were on the downrigger lines. Saturday was a cod trip and 25 cod were hoisted from 4-25 lbs., mostly small fish. Sunday's charter for Hector Ocasio and two pals resulted in a catch of 14 big pollack from 25-35 lbs., again using downriggers with Sekora tubes.

Captain Buddy Dorman of the six man limit open boat **Waxed** relates that while the flounder are fat and jumbo in size, numbers are not. Budd reminds us the best of the season is still ahead when these giant flounder school up between the jetty and Montauk light. For an update report, Captain Budd requests you give him a call.

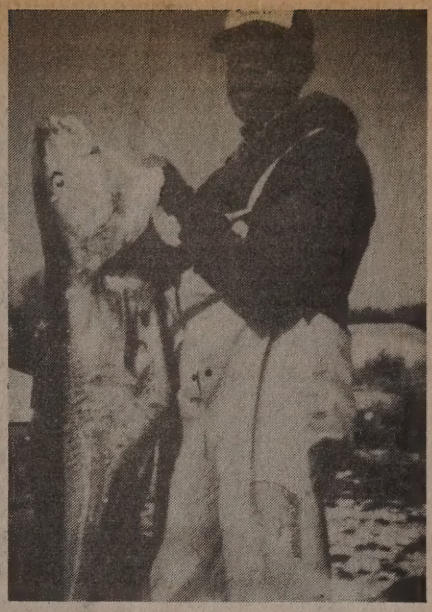
On Monday the Gowran party of NYC fished on the **Blue Fin I** taking 85 cod at Southwest Ledge. Thursday morning's trip on the **Blue Fin I** saw 35 more cod hoisted at the Ledge. Friday aboard the **BF I**, fishing near Cartwright the Rakshys group decked 61 cod and 4 pollack. The largest cod hit 57 lbs. and there were many in the 30s and 40s. Friday on the **BF IV** working south of Block, Mr. Witherall son and daughter trolled and diamond jigged 16 large pollack and 8 cod. Saturday's charter for the Hung group fishing south of Block Island aboard the **BF I** rang the bell with 13 large pollack. The same day aboard the **BF IV** the Georgetti group from New Jersey pulled up 37 cod to 46 lbs. Three of these fish were over 30 lbs. and most in the 15 lb. class. On Sunday both boats fished the Acres Anglers of Mastic Beach and at Cartwright totaled 53 cod up to 50 lbs., one over 40, 3 over 30 and 20 in the 15 lb. class. Three large pollack were also jigged. The fish hit the diamond jigs better in the morning and responded to bait better in the afternoon.

Montauk's flounder sharpie, the **Capt. Willy** says that it's been very good flounder fishing nearly on an alternating day basis. A solid Friday was followed by a slow Saturday with action bouncing back again on dreary Sunday. Best action has been off Gardiner's Island and West Point with fish going from 1½-3 lbs. 14 oz. on mussel and clam bait. The skipper says that just about now the good fishing should remain constant for east end super flatties.

Captain Mike of the charter boat **Montauk** called to say the pollack have started and catches have been good south of Block for fish up to 30 lbs. The key is trolling with downriggers and then diamond jigging once the fish are found. Green Sekora Monkey Tails have been the killer lure according to Mike. Cod remains good with his largest for the week hitting 53 lbs. Lots of small fish around we are advised.

Louis Velasquez of Queens and Party bagged up with 46 flounder from 1/2 to 3½ lbs. at Rocky Point on clam and mussel bait Sunday fishing aboard Captain Ron Grandinetti's charter boat **Julie III**.

Captain Phil Lewis of the charter



**Eric Coelthurst caught this 40 lb. cod at Block Island on a recent charter aboard Capt. Ron Grandinetti's "Julie III."**

**The Cartwright Grounds produced this 52 lb. cod for Mike Lineberry who fished aboard the Montauk charter boat, "Blue Fin IV."**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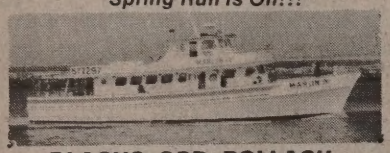

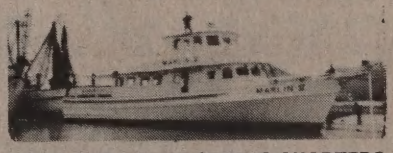

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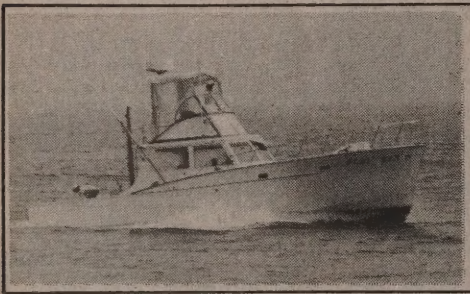

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Aboard Captain Bruce Keiffer's charter boat **Ebb Tide** Saturday' charter for Vic Bernadino scored with 85 cod to 20 lbs. While Sunday's trip headed by Bob Cook caught 70 cod in the 20 lb. class, and 6 pollack in the 20 lb. range, all fishing being done south of Block Island.

**Fred Kaminer of Cincinnati, Ohio and 3 fellow Ohioans put 75 cod and pollack aboard the charter boat "Montauk" with this 61 lber. topping off the catch. Photo courtesy of Montauk Marine Basin.**


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## SOUTH FORK

Gardiner's Island flounder remain good said Sag Harbor Captain Artie Lach of the **Wilhelric II** with best catches off Green Hills, with some days better than others. Catches are averaging 8-12 flounder a man fish going 1-4 lbs. A new batch has moved in at Orient and Petty's Bight, fish 3/4-1¼ lbs. but in bigger numbers. Night weakfishing remains excellent, catches averaging 40-50 weaks a night. Fares are averaging 2-3 fish a person, 6 or 7 for the sharpies. Hi-lo rigs tipped with squid are getting best results. On Memorial Day weekend the boat will be sailing open on Sunday night.

**Bayview Fishing Station** in Sag Harbor has been having 2-3 lb. bluefish brought in from several boats working Mashomak Point and also some weakfish. One angler weighed in an 11½ lb. weak, scores are being made for those drifting with Tiger Tails or TriFin chromed Deep Swimmers, both tipped with squid. A few flounder off Cedar Point with the best action and the largest fish off Tobaccolot. A few blowfish showing up, medium in size. Some nice weakfish being caught at Noyac Bay and the west end of the ferry on the same jigs with squid.

Over at Noyac Barbara at **Noyac Marina** tells of good weakfishing during the past week except for the blustery weekend. Even so, Saturday

**These huge snowshoe flounder were among the many taken on a recent trip to Gardiner's Bay aboard the Sag Harbor open boat, "Wilhelric." Irene Skeados is the happy anglerette in the photo.**

**This huge 13½ lb. weak was taken at Jessup's Neck in Noyac Bay on a grape jellyworm and squid combo by Kenneth Bo. It was checked in at Noyac Marina in Sag Harbor.**

saw Fred Barreto of Levittown score with 16 weaks from 8-10 lbs. at buoy 17 on jellyworms tipped with squid while he drifted along. Barbara also weighed in 2, 10 lb. fluke taken over this past week, also on jellyworms tipped with squid. A few sea bass, porgies and blacks were also hoisted during the week at buoys 16 and 17 Noyac Bay. Ken Bo took a 13¼ lb. weak fishing off the nets in Noyac Bay on a jellyworm/squid combo.

Captain Clark Bellows of the Shinnecock Canal party boat **Capt. Clark II** reports weaks in the South Race off Robin's Island was fair for a few days during the week, then slowed over the weekend. Rose's Grove also producing some big weaks up to 12 lbs. Porgies are also starting to show in Peconic. On Saturday about 200 porgies. Melvin Brown of Manhattan was high hook with 36 porgies. An 11 lb. 8 oz. weak took the pool. Squid and sandworms have been the best weakfish baits in addition to artificial lures.

Fishing slowed the last part of the week with the weather, said Thom at **Speck's Bait and Tackle**, but there were still some weaks caught off Rose's Grove near the fish traps on jellyworm/squid combos. Noyac Bay casters have had big mackerel off the beach and a 40 lb. bass was weighed in taken on live eel in the Shelter Island vicinity. Fluke are beginning to be caught at Shinnecock Inlet, flounder have been "okay" at Sag Harbor, Cedar Point and Noyac Bay, with smaller ones in the back channels. Porgies should start soon in the Middle Grounds area and some


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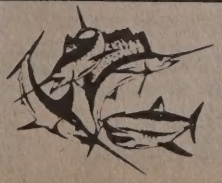

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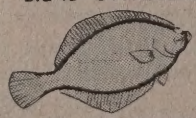
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# South Shore Report

## by Fred Golofaro

After several consecutive weeks of beautiful weekend weather fishermen were finally thrown a curve this past weekend. The easterly blow which began on Friday and peaked on Sunday effectively put the lid on most good fishing in the area. Sunday was considered a total washout for nearly everyone in the business.

## EAST END BAYS & INLETS

From his Hampton Bays tackle shop on the banks of the Shinnecock Canal, Mickey Altenkirch of **Altenkirch & Sons** told of excellent fluke fishing occurring from the banks of the canal with most of the fish being just legal size. Good flounder fishing continued in the bay right up until th e blow with the basket area still producing the best results. Best fishing for weakfish has been enjoyed by boatmen running up into Peconic Bay at night and fishing squid baits on hi-low rigs. Mickey added that there have also been a few school bass taken at the inlet by boatmen.

The Moriches Bay flounder situation was in fine form prior to the weekend's weather. Nick at **Cerullo Bros. Fishing Station** called the fishing during the week excellent at buoys 30 and 29 and also at the Brown

**Young Jacob Gelles with a trio of fine fish taken on a recent trip to Promised Land. The flattie weighed 2¾ lbs. and the largest of the two blacks checked in at 6 lb. 2 oz. Thom at Speck's Bait & Tackle in Southampton weighed the fish.**

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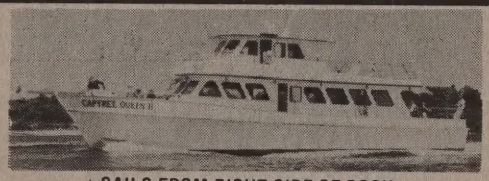

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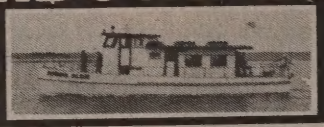

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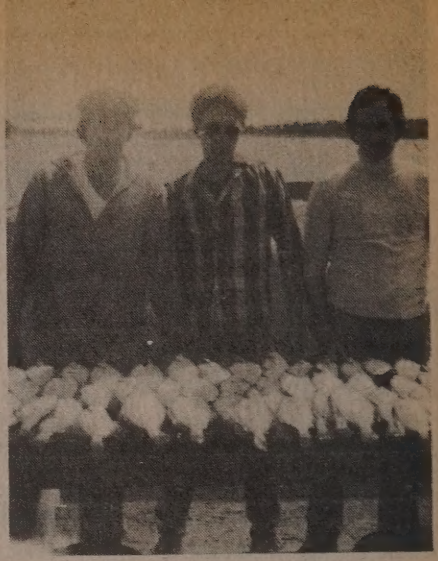
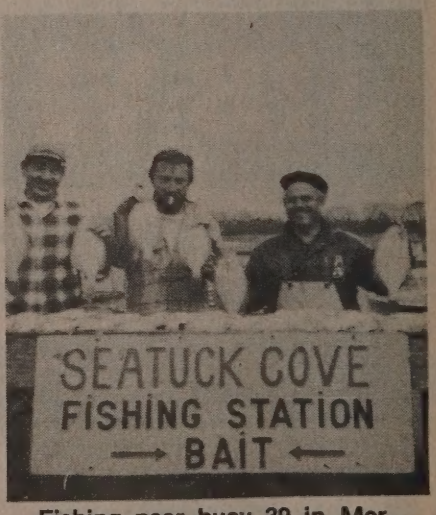


Paul Byrnes, Wayne Costigan and Ron Byrnes with 70 flounder taken at buoy 43 in Moriches Bay from a skiff rented at Hi-Way Fishing Station.

House. Fish are mixed sizes up to 2½ pounds but with most falling in the 1 to 1½ pound class. The last half of incoming water has been producing best according to Nick who reminded that there are some blowfish mixed with the flatties at buoy 29. Some blackfish on the west side of the inlet. One boat fishing the back end of the jetty had 30 to 5 pounds last week.

Gary at **Silly Lilly Fishing Station** also spoke of very good fishing earlier in the week but labelled it just o.k. by Saturday. Those who fished late in the day on Saturday did manage catches of 40-60 fish per boat, however. During the week the Schrader family worked the buoy 33-34 area and totalled 135 flatties on bloodworms and clam chum. Gary felt that Haven's Point is the best bet during incoming water while buoys 33-36 get




Fishing near buoy 39 in Moriches Bay produced this 70 flounder catch for Phil Prager, Jack Kossover, and Bob Thomas. Fishing was done out of Seatuck Cove Fishing Station.

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the nod on outgoing water.

Fluke have begun to make a showing in the bay according to Al Lassen of **Hi-Way Fishing Station**. Al said that a couple of boats showed catches of 4-5 of the new arrivals just prior to the weekend. He too spoke of good flounder fishing prior to all of the east wind on Friday. Some blowfish mixed in with both the flounder and fluke.

Capt. Bill at **Stiriz's Fishing Station** in Mastic Beach wrote off Sunday as a total loss but was happy with Saturday morning's fluke action which resulted in catches of 10-20 keepers per boat made at buoys 17, 20 and 21. Also early Saturday AM, Andy and Al Borio checked in 4 weaks up to 7 pounds which they took at buoy 12. Best bet for weaks according to Bill is between the bridge and buoy 12.

## GREAT SOUTH BAY/ FIRE ISLAND INLET

Despite all the east wind some very big weakfish were taken on Saturday in Great South Bay. Dave Canale of **J & R Sport Center** in Oakdale weighed fish of 11¾ pounds for 14-year-old Tom Luciano, 12.2 pounds for 15-year old Ben Ciavolella and 13.1 pounds for Joe Sinatra. All three fish were taken in West Channel and Joe's fish is the current leader in the shop's "Free Mount" contest. On Friday Barry Bernstein took a 14.13 pound tiderunner from the Ocean Beach area. Fluking is off to a good start from the bridge to the inlet with the best action coming on the last of the flood and the first of the ebb.

Ireene of **Peppy's Bait & Tackle** in East Islip also confirmed that a very good fluke season appears to be shaping up and some very fine scores being made down at the inlet. The summer flatfish are also beginning to establish themselves further back in the bay in the vicinity of Snake Hill Channel and West Island.

**Matt and John Viol do it again with a catch of 143 flounder up to 2 lbs. taken on worms and mussel and corn chum. The pair worked Moriches Bay from a skiff rented at Skidmore's Fishing Station.**

Capt. Neil Delanoy of the Bay Shore open boat **Casey Lee** called to tell of a new leader in the boat's "Free Fishing For Life" contest. Fishing aboard the boat on Wednesday, Joe Dallera had a 9.1 pound doormat among his total of 14 keepers. The skipper has been working around Sexton Island, West Island, Dickerson Channel, and the Lighthouse. Of the evening weakfish trips, Capt. Neil figured that most trips average about 1 fish per man. On Friday night's run Cliff Parker took 3 tiderunners up to 10¾ pounds. This on only his second weakfish trip. Jelly worm-sandworm combos have proven to be the most effective bait.

Moving over to Captree, Capt. Charlie Kennedy of the **Capt. Joseph II** labelled Saturday's fluking as fair due to tough conditions. He figured 25 fares accounted for 175 keepers with the best fishing being done on the last of the flood and the first of the Ebb. Robert Pace of Rocky Point was high-hook with 17 keepers. Action had been very good all week prior to the easterly winds. The skipper figures as soon as the weather settles the fishing should return to its original form.

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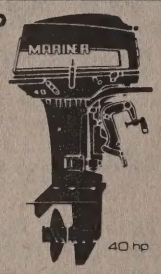



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Aboard the open boat **Capt. Leitch**, skipper Richie Leitch called the fluking during the week easy picking from west channel down to the inlet. Sandeels, spearing, and fluke belly have all been effective in the bait department. Most of the fish being taken are in the 14 to 15" range with their keeper ratio being about 50%. Richie reminded that beginning this weekend he will be sailing afternoon fluke trips on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays with departure time set for 4PM. Still enthused over what he called the best May for flounder that he can rememeber, he is already looking ahead to the fall in hopes of a repeat of the fast fishing. Richie reported a string of 18 days with very good results fishing the Inlet area.

Dennis Everett of Queens took the pool aboard Capt. Dan Juettner's open boat **Capt. Dan** on Saturday with a 5.4 pound fluke. The skipper who has been working between West Channel and the Inlet said that catches vary between 10-25 fish per man. Most of the fish being taken are keepers.

Capt. Roy Mazziotta of the charter boat **Blue Albatross II** sent along the run down of his weekend's fishing. On Friday evening as well as on Saturday evening the skipper found picky weakfishing in the West Channel area. He atributed the tough fishing to less than ideal fishing conditions. A 12½ pound tiderunner won Friday's pool. Saturday and Suday's day trips were spent flounder fishing inside the Sore Thumb. On Sunday, Richie and Gil Flore combined to take over 30 flatties while Gil copped the pool with a 6¼ pound

blackfish.

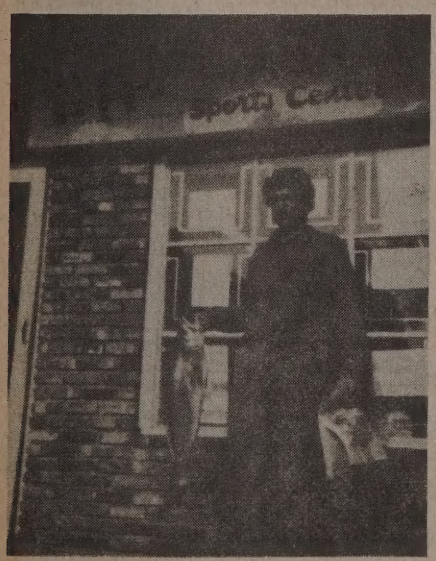
Reports from the **Speedy VI** indicate that the best weakfishing by far has been during the evening hours with a couple of nights this past week resulting in 50 fish catches. Daytime weaks have been slow prompting a switch to both fluke and weaks during the day trips.

Capt. Gordon Roman of the **Captree Queen II** reported catches down as of Friday when the low pressure system settled into our area. Easterly winds created difficult drifting conditions which affected both the fluking and the weakfishing. West Island has bee n the mainstay for weakfish and some 2-3 pound blues have been mixing with the weaks. Fluke seem to be spread all over from West Channel all the way down to the Inlet with a few also being taken along with weaks on the night trips.

In the Babylon area, "Poppy" of **Suffolk Marine** told of looking over a catch of 94 flounder, 25 of which were in the 2 pound range, taken by trailer boatmen Frank and John DiFide. Poppy also told of big blowfish putting in an appearance at the Sore Thumb, good fluking in the inlet area, as well as some blues being taken in both the Bay and Inlet.

From his **Babylon Fishing Station**, Bill McKluskie told of some big weakfish taken during the week at West Channel on jelly and sandworm combos. Also during the week Dr. Bennet checked in with 26 fluke taken in the State Channel between the bridge and Frank & Dicks on Mister Twisters with a strip of squid. Flounder are still at the Sore Thumb and blowfish are in good supply in the same area according to Bill. As was the case everywhere else, Bill reported fishing off over the weekend due to the storm.

Freddie of **Augie's Bait & Tackle** relayed a few tidbits of interest in the



**Kevin Gershowitz of East Islip caught this 11½ lb. weak in Great South Bay on a strawberry jellyworm. It was weighed at Peppy's Bait and Tackle in East Islip.**

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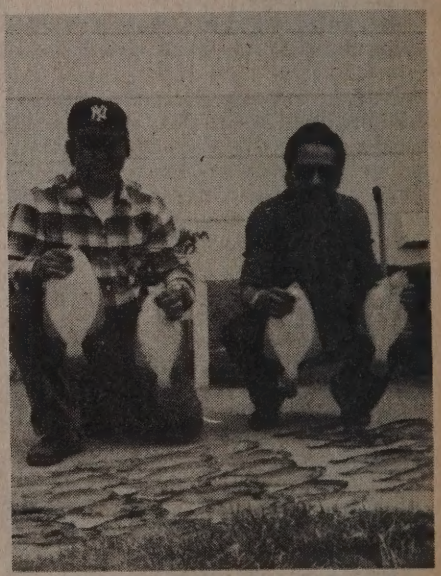
course of our conversation. He told of a 200 pound white shark taken in one of the pound nets located off of Robert Moses on Thursday. Back at the dock it was found to be loaded with weakfish. Fred knew from radio chatter that the pound boat was returning to port Monday morning laden down with bluefish. Of the weakfishing Fred called it picky with most boatmen still working West Channel and Ocean Beach. Rick Sullivan had 2 to 9½ pounds on Friday. Fluking had been very good prior to the weekend in the State Channel, West Channel and in the Inlet.

Capt. Mick of the Babylon Captain's Association put away 40 keeper fluke on Friday drifting squid and sandeel combos between the bridge and the Inlet. Another Assoc. boat, the **Pooka V,** fished the Casino Social Club on Saturday and had a fair pick of fluke in the State Channel and at the Inlet. Fishing was off somewhat due to poor drifting conditions. Capt. Jack Stoddard of the BCA reminded that the Assoc. will be sponsoring a fluke clinic at the Babylon Town Dock from 7 to 9 PM, on June 5th. Everyone is welcome.

Larry Makofsky checked in 12 flounder and 10 blowfish taken at the Sore Thumb taken on worms and squid at **Capt. Jack's East.** Larry did his fishing on Saturday. According to Gil who watches over the Lindenhurst store, fluke continues to improve on a daily basis in the State Channel.

Over at **Lindenhurst Bait & Tackle,** Linda Miller said that the best weakfishing has been occurring during the evening hours at West Channel on jelly and sandworm combos. The sandworm is being trailed off of a stinger hook on the



**Outgoing water at Squaw Island produced this catch of 40 flatties from 1-3 lbs. for D. Lee of Massapequa and F. Perez of Brooklyn. They used lots of corn and mussel chum and corn and worms for bait. Catch was checked at Lon Wanser's Tackle Shop in Seaford.**

jelly worm. Fluke are off to a fair start in the State Channel with sandeel and squid combos scoring best. A good mixture of blowfish and sea bass located at the Coast Guard Station according to Linda and to the west, both Massapequa Cove and Squaw Island are still well supplied with good sized flounder.

## SOUTH OYSTER BAY

Very good fluking during the week in the State Channel according to Gary at **Jonas Bait & Tackle** in Copiague. Killie and squid combos accounting for 50% keepers. Boats running East to West Channel have been accounting for 1-3 weaks apiece with most in the 8-11 pound range. Fair blackfishing at the bridges on fiddler or green crabs according to Gary.

Next door in Amity Harbor, Capt. Jack Stoddard of **Capt. Jack's West** weighed in a 12.2 pound weakfish for John Wanat. John took the fish on a jelly worm at buoy 12. Capt. Jack noted that blues are now mixing with the weaks in West Channel.

Capt. Brian of the open boat **Chinco II** which sails out of Seaford told of good flounder fishing during the week with fishing being done at all the bridges, sloop channel, and in the deeper holes of the State Channel. Sea bass, blackfish and blowfish are now mixed with the flounder. Hi-hook on Tuesday's trip totalled 41 flatties. On Thursday, Ray Thompson suprised everyone with a 4½ pound pollack taken near the third Wantagh bridge. Brian asked that we remind customers that beginning this weekend he will sail a five hour day (7AM to 12 noon) on Saturdays and Sundays. Weekday trips will remain full day. Over at **Custom Tackle**, Sal told of Richie Hipp who during the course of the week took 105 fluke up to 4 pounds from Reynold's Channel. Of this, he tagged and released 30 shorts with American Littoral Society tags. Sal asked that anyone catching a tagged fluke relay the information if the fish is undersized or return the tag if the fish is a keeper to: A.L.S., Sandy Hook, Highlands, N.J. 07732. The Society issues a free patch to the those assisting in the program. Vinnie Caputo and Frank Gatto checked in a catch of 30 flounder up to 2½ pounds which they made at Hauns Creek on worms and clam chum. Frank Persisco worked Reynold's Channel and took 30 keeper fluke during the last of incoming and the first of outgoing. The biggest weak checked in at the shop was a 10.12 pounder taken on a sandworm at Ocean Beach by Bill Stumper on Saturday.

Lon Wanser of **Wanser's Bait & Tackle** in Seaford said that the weather kept things very quiet over the weekend. Flounder are still available, fluke have made a good showing in the Inlet and Sloop Channel and a few weaks are beginning to be taken at the bridges, Massapequa Cove and in the State Channel near Zach's Bay.

From **Merrick Tackle** in Bellmore, Scott reported that flounder fishing held up very good during the week with a lot of big fish still in evidence. He called the fluking in Reynold's Channel excellent with 50% of the fish being keepers. Best of the fishing was during the week before strong easterly winds made for difficult drifting condtions.

**Pat Stallone, Ken McCormack and John Costigan show a few of the 30 flounder up to 2 lbs. taken in Reynold's Channel. The trio fished out of Ed's Fishing Station in Pt. Lookout.**

# Western South Shore Report

**by Stu Miller**

## WEST END BAYS & INLETS

Late week moon tides strong northeast winds and continual showers caused a slowing of catches in these choice inshore grounds. In the early part of the week good flounder and fluke catches were made and these same catches should bounce back again as we come off the moon and the wind storms abate.

Starting with the Freeport Fleet, we note that the **Miss Freeport II** enjoyed good floundering till the weekend. The boat's Thursday afternoon fluke trip for 7 passengers had catches of up to 6 keepers a man fishing the Reynolds Channel area with sand eels and squid.

Captain Paul Schmitz, **Aloma II** which has been having good flounder fishing at customer request is now switching over to fluke starting Saturday.

The **Capt. Andy** is continuing his twice a day flounder trips since they were so good prior to the foul weather and should resume very strong by the weekend.

The **Capt. Lou Fleet** had an excellent flounder week up until the weekend and its crummy weather. Monday saw Tom Annitto of Oceanside with 56 flatties. Tuesday says Capt. Mike was the best day of the

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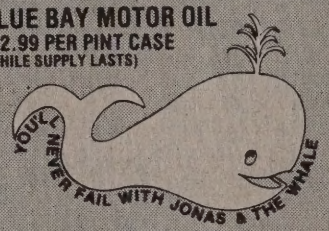


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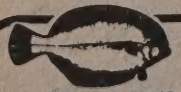

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year with Roger Parenteau, Jr of East Rockaway catching 144 flounders and keeping 114. Slaughter fishing said the skipper. Herb Schwartz of Long Beach had 94 keepers, while Bob Spartaro, Baldwin ended the day with 78 keepers and Lou Scharlop of LIC bagged up with 75 keepers. His pal Arthur had 68 flounder. Mike said there had to be 1500 fish on the **CL II** on Tuesday. Wednesday's fishing was down with the moon tide, but high hook was still in the 40s. On Thursday, Ed Kolakowski, Glen Cove had 51 flatties. Friday's high hook was in the high 40s. Catches died on the weekend with the tide and weather. The **CL III** fishing two half-day trips daily for flounder also did very well during the week prior to the storm and also had a 7 lb. blackfish Saturday. Mike says the flounder are still here and big catches should return once we're off the moon tide and both boats are staying with flounder for the Memorial Day weekend. There are also fair catches of blowfish being made.

Saturday's trip aboard the charter boat **Captain Gary** for Val Curcio and friends of A. Best Construction Co., NYC had a picky day. Jim Wunder took the pool with a 2 lb. flounder. Best action was Swift Creek and the Coast Guard Station. The boat will be running open for fluke by reservation all three days of the Memorial Day weekend at 8AM.

The **Freeport Boatmen's Association** boats have been catching flounder all through Thursday, but the weekend was way off due to poor fishing conditions.

The **Super Spray II's** three fluke trips daily have been producing nicely, with most of the drifts being in Reynolds Channel. Still some openings for the boats cod wreck trips coming up this weekend. See ad for details. The past trips have been super, real freezer-fillers. Flounder should bounce back again with a calming in the weather.

Over in Baldwin, **Arthur Street Fishing Station** tells us that during the week flounder were picked all over the bay some 3-5 lb. weakfish were taken at the bridges on squid and sand worms while some fluke were caught off Short Beach and in Reynolds off the high school, buoy 17, and opposite the golf course on spearing, squid and sand eels.

The Freeport charter boat **Nan Sea** has splashed in and with blues moving in now, the skipper is booking for blues and offering something new this year will be night shark charters and also light tackle trips will be welcome.

**Anthony's Fishing Station** has had some nice fluke catches brought in during the week, plus a mixture of blowfish. High boat for the week came in with a mixed catch of 75 flounder, fluke and blowfish.

Over in Point Lookout, Captain Walt of the **Miss Point Lookout** had very good flounder fishing through Saturday. The skipper found the

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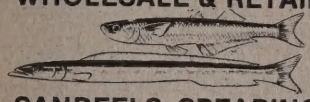

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The Point Lookout charter boat **Marie III** on Saturday fished the Wantagh drawbridge. Seventy-five percent were midget flounder. Then they worked Reynolds Channel and took 60 fluke, 30 percent of which were keepers from the marina west to the golf course on spearing and squid with outgoing tide best. The skipper still has Monday of Memorial Day weekend open.

The **Capt. Bill** from Pt. Lookout had a very good trip Thursday on fluke with 17 keepers for Hank Aubel of Franklin Square. Jim Simondet on the same trip had 14 keeper fluke to 4 lbs. On Friday, Tom Natelli, Bronx, had 12 keeper fluke and a 3 lb. pool fish. Spencer Thomas had 8 keepers.

**Ed's Fishing Station** tells us that Monday through Saturday saw a lot of fluke taken from Jones Inlet through the golf course, 1/3 of the fish being keepers. Conservation officers are out in force, so be sure to observe the 14" limit. Spearing, sand eels, killies and squid are all clicking with incoming best through the first of the ebb. Flounder were caught through Thursday at Swift Creek and off the Coast Guard station near the dredge. Ed Puzio and pal had 75 flounder there on Saturday on worms and mussels and lots of chum. Good blackfishing at the bridges on fiddlers and green crabs and also some blows in the CG Sta. area.

Further east at Atlantic Beach, **Reynolds Reef Fishing Station** tells of plenty of fluke from buoys 8-10 on squid, sand eels and spearing. Lots of keepers up to 3 lbs., but also lots of midgets. Flounder continue very good in the Hole 1,000' east of the AB bridge on worms and mussels. Blacks on both sides of the Atlantic Beach bridge on fiddlers and greens and also fish at the Silver Point jetty and buoy 4. In 30' of water blues have been trolled up to 11 lbs. on umbrellas, spoons and Rebels, along the Atlantic Beach and Long Beach shore lines.

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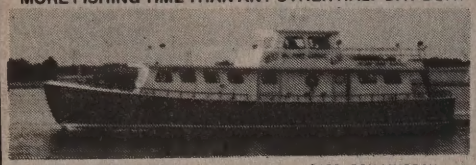

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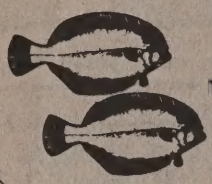

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Over in Island Park, the overall picture from the **Commodore** is that there are lots of fluke around. East Rockaway sharpy Tom Rupp took 23 keeper fluke Saturday. Some people had a dozen each and it boiled down to good drifting conditions resulted in good fluke catches. One party boat had over 500 fluke fishing off Riis Park during the week. Lots of fluke in the main channel. Captain Clem says the early part of the fluke run is usually best so now is the best time to get in on it. Fluke belly has been the best bait, says the skipper and there are plenty of fish from Jones to Deb's. Keepers are being caught up to 4 lbs. and these are 14'' to 18'' fish. Clem says he will fish the ocean whenever northwest winds and outgoing tide coexist which should give him optimum drifting conditions.

**Beckmann's Tackle** in Lynbrook passes on the information that Jerry Berkman of Hempstead fished buoy 13, Ocean Beach, Sunday and walked away with 4 weaks up to 11½ lbs. taken on Nordic eels. Charlie weighed in a 7 and 8 lb. weakfish Tuesday taken at the Pt. Lookout bridge by Simon Chan of Queens in the early morning on jellyworms. Plenty of blackfish were caught Saturday at the bridges and jetties, but Sunday was a washout. Best fluking of the week was off the golf course at Lido Beach on spearing/squid combos or sand eel/squid combos.

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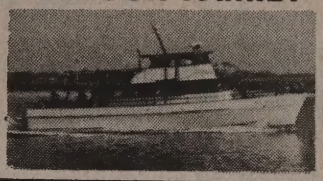

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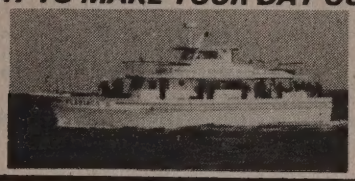

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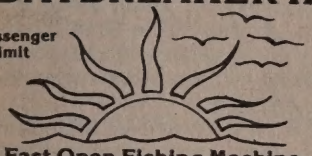

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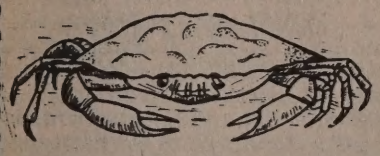

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Further to the west in Jamaica Bay, **Cross Bay Bait and Tackle** tells of a 10 lb. blue taken off the North Channel bridge on a bunker chunk Friday morning. Flounder seem to be on the wane, while blackfishing continues along on fiddlers and green crabs. A few weakfish off the south channel bridge. These are 3-4 lb. fish hitting drifted worms. Also a few fluke off both bridges on squid strips.

Down in Sheesphead Bay, blackfish and sea bass continue to make customers happy aboard the **Pilot II** Monday through Saturday. Blacks run 1-5 lbs and sea bass 1-1½ lbs. They're also getting an odd porgy which are running big. Cynthia Taylor was high hook with 56 blackfish Thursday. Sunday, of course, was a washout.

Sal at **Stella Maris Tackle** tells of lots of flounder in the 1-2 lb. range at the roundhouse and jetty area. Some fluke off Riis Park and Coney Island of mixed sizes. Some blues in the 5-6 lb. range at the Tin Can and Romer Shoals for trollers and jiggers. Blackfish at the jetties and wrecks and marine parkway bridge plus the Coney Island wrecks on clam, fiddlers and green crabs. Very few bass but a 45 lber. was taken off the Atlantic Beach jetty one night during the week on a bunker chunk.

Across the Verrazano bridge in Staten Island, Kevin at **Santo's Sport Shop** tells of fluke being caught from the beaches from Richmond Avenue to Great Kills, a good item has been blackfish and flounder plus a good showing of fluke from Old Orchard and Bug Light in Great Kills. The Stapleton Piers have also been producing small bass, fluke, flounder and ever-lovin' bergalls.

# North Shore Report

**by Marty Garrell**

## WESTERN SOUND

Although weekend weather put the damper on fishing crowds and Sunday was rough, even for party boats, bottom fishing remained fairly good. As a bonus, mackerel seemed to be plentiful for the second week in a row.

New Rochelle waters were producing some blacks and some flounder from the shore, according to **John's Gun and Tackle**. Bass fishing was disappointing, however.

Jack Rumpf at **Jack's** was weighing

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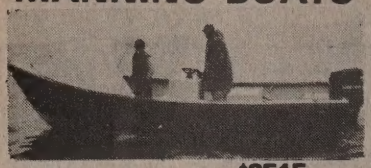

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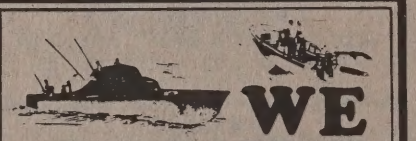

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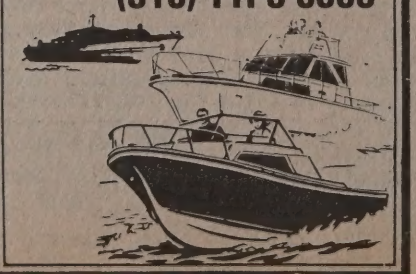

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blackfish in the 7-9 pound class daily; fish were coming from Hart's Island, Steppingstone, Execution Light, and the old CBS Tower. School bass in Turtle Cove and around Hart's were available to 8 pounds, and weekend mackerel boats were finding fish from Eastchester Bay, to the Throg's Neck and City Island Bridges. A few bluefish in the 5 pound class had been taken under the macs.

Ed Heilemann on the **Ebb Tide III** out of City Island fished mackerel over the weekend, but expects to switch over to flounder and blackfish by Tuesday. Dom Cerbone on the **Apache** still saw flounder catches up to 10-15 per person despite the weekend weather. Some porgies showed with flounder, and blackfishing seemed to be improving.

Dave Watt at the **Glen Cove Sport Shop** still liked the blackfish action off Matinecock Point, and saw some blackfish and flounder off Pryble Pier. Dave's leading tautog in the store's contest was the 8½ pounder registered by John Robinson. Also checked in at the store were Pete Bailey's 11 pound weakfish, taken while trolling worms for bass inside Glen Cove, Phil Nasi's 3 bass, and Chuck Moeller's 14" brown trout from the Nissequogue Ponds.

Joe Fink informed us that the **Lady Lil II** found a big body of mackerel on Saturday in Little Neck Bay off Kings Park on a 1½ hour drift. Joe Doyle and son Pat from Floral Park hauled 145 fish aboard. Fink plans a switch to flounder and blackfish, however.

## NORTH SHORE MID-ISLAND

Variety was the spice of life in catches in this area until Sunday's evil weather shut most fishermen down. Porgies in spring sizes were showing, along with a few weakfish and scattered bass. Blackfish action was picking up as well.

Ronnie Ferraro at **Ronnie's** saw some of the first porgies around Cold Spring near the light and said that there were still some halfway decent flounder around. The bass in the area were scattered, but those who fished all night had one or two fish from small ones up to 11 pounds. **Huntington Prop and Tackle** commented on blackfishing around Target Rock and said that flatties close to 1 pound could be found south of Buoy 13.

Packy Collins took the **Ever Ready** up to the east shore of Huntington Bay on Saturday near Valley Grove and picked flounder to 1 pound along with a couple of porgies and no blackfish. The **Packy IV** had one charter last week and took three bass on Rebels (small schoolies) along with blacks and flounder for a Nevada angler. The **Speedy VII** picked away at a bottom mix on Saturday morning near Lloyd's and worked the lee of Eaton's on Sunday under "evil conditions."

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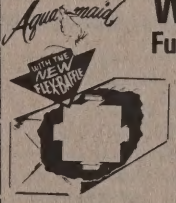
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**Hank** put fares into flounder and blackfish on Saturday and then went up into the Narrows during the blow on Sunday. There seem to be rumors of weakfish up in the Shoreham area, too. John Fisher tried a run on porgies Saturday with the **Aqua-Gem** and found 30-35 fish per fare with the average size fish above 1¼ pounds. Each person had up to 5-6 blackfish as well. Fisher feels that the tautog are just coming into their own during the period between Memorial Day and the first two June weeks. Incoming is best for blacks and the last of the outgoing is also good.

Porgies are good size off Miller Place and Rocky Point, according to Ralph Davenport at **Ralph's** with a lot of 2 pound fish in relatively shallow water around 15' depths. Drifting off the Pink House, one angler hauled a 13 pound weakfish, and a couple of blues and bass were also mentioned off Buoy 11.

## NORTH FORK

The blackfish run looked steady in the Sound with flounder erratic. There were still some pods of big flatties moving east however when anglers picked through sea robins. Porgies were beginning to make big news on the Peconics, with weakfish available for those who fished between darkness and dawn. A few daytime anglers scored occasionally with small groups of weaks as well.

Off the pipeline, there were catches of exceptionally big tautog and most of the fish in the Mattituck-Northville area ranged from rats all the way to 6-8 pounds. The **Mattituck Inlet Fishing Station** was also seeing porgies and sea bass mixed with the bottom catches. Flounder oof Levon's were mixed with tons of sea robins.

Flounder fishing off Petty's Bight varied from day to day. Both Ace Cottral at the **Port of Egypt** and the **Blue Albatross** from Greenport saw good catches at the 40' level with fish ranging from ¾ to 1¼ pound. In

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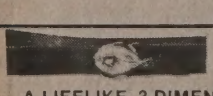
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deeper water, however, DaveBrennan of the **Peconic Star**, encountered a body of large fish on Saturday and pulled some snowshoes to 3½. Dave says that it's still a good idea to try Gardiner's at the turns of the tide. Although representative catches at mid-week included no fish over 2½ pounds, by week's end there were some 4 pound rugs in 55' of water. Brennan will be on flounder for another week, and wants to try New London for some of the "mega-flounder" before switching to scup.

Art White at the **A. P. White Bait Shop** told us of some nice weakfish catches between 17 an the Middle Grounds, and there were some exceptional catches of big porgies to 3 pounds hauled off Rose's by those who anchored and chummed. **Port of Egypy** and **Capt. Marty's** as well as **Warren's** looked at some of these humpbacks before the weather got snotty on Sunday. Lee Cardwell and his group managed 90 porgies to 2½ pounds along with 2 weaks on worms and clams.

Daylight weakfishing wasn't bad for everyone. Bob Miskiewicz, Fred Zambardi, and Doug Popasil found 24 weaks east of Nassau Point on jelly worms and squid, while George Porter had 17 mixed with Saturday's catch on the **Brand X**. The big news, according to Porter, was the porgies, quite naturally, with some big bronze-backs between buoys 17 and 18. Some 500 scup came aboard on Saturday on a day that Porter felt was his best in 10 years. Mixed with the porgies were 25 sea bass in the 1-4 pound range.

Night fishing for weaks on the Brand X has also been very good with catches of weaks in the 100's. Marked by their absence in the Peconic reports were both blues and fluke.

**Nine-year-old Chris Gormley shows the results of his first weakfish trip. The 6 and 7 lb. fish were taken near Robin's Island in Peconic Bay on squid. Subscriber photo.**

# Surf Report

**by Fred Golofaro**

Last weekend's heavy dose of easterly winds was enough to dissuade most surfmen from making any serious attempt at fishing the Island's beaches. There were however, a couple of very notable exceptions where lucky anglers managed bragging size stripers.

Kevin Koncelik of **Santo's Sport Shop** in Staten Island told of a 45 pound cow taken by an anonymous caster who checked the fish in at the shop Sunday morning. Overall, Kevin labelled the bass fishing as sporadic after a solid spring run of school fish. Big blues, 10-15 pounders, have been attracting a lot of attention during the early morning hours between Richmond Ave. and Great Kills Park. The best of this action has been on popping plugs. Weaks, some to 12 pounds, along the same stretch of beach on bunker chunks, according to Kevin.

Gilgo Beach produced a couple of fine stripers on Saturday night for a casters soaking sandworms. Scott Leonard had a 28 pounder while another caster working a short way down the beach took a 25. At least some big weaks are falling to surfmen in the area. "Poppy" of **Suffolk Marine** in Babylon, who passed along the bass news, also had a huge weakfish to tell about. "Fire Pole" John used a whole squid to take a huge 13 pound tiderunner from the Cedar Beach surf. There were also several unconfirmed reports of a few weaks being taken at Democrat Point on Sandworms.

Out in the Southampton area, Thom Speckenbach of **Speck's Bait and Tackle** checked in bass of 24, 26 and 40.4 pounds for one of the locals who preferred anonymity. He did tell Thom that the three fish were taken locally on live eels Saturday night. Thom called the bluefish and weakfish action up at Long Beach and Cow Neck picky but some fish are being taken on tins, Alou Elvers and squid.

Johnny Kronuch of **Johnny's Tackle Shop** in Montauk, saw his first official surf caught striper on Thursday night. The 12 pounder was taken at Jone's Reef on a white tin by Tommy Sepp of Montauk. Despite Saturday night's east wind and heave, Al Jaegers drilled a 35 pound striper out of the foam beneath the light. The big bass was the Lynbrook Anglers largers surfcaught fish to date and was quite a feat considering Saturday night's conditions.

Up on the north shore, Ronnie Ferraro of **Ronnie's Bait & Tackle** in Huntington spoke of a few bass and weaks being taken at Caumsett on


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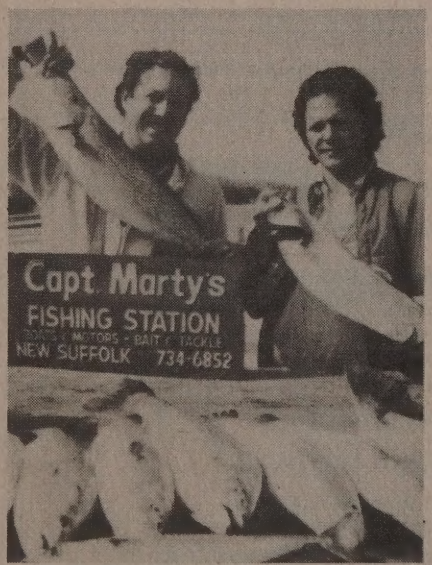


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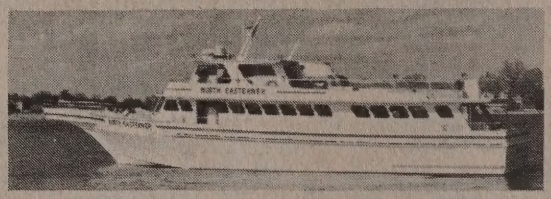

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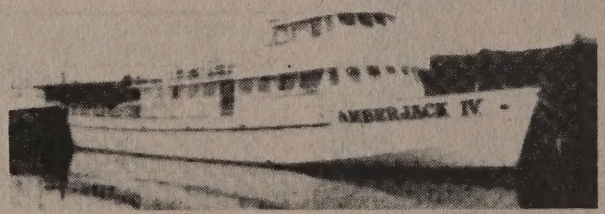


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From his **Rocky Point Fishing Stop,** Stan told of some school bass along local beaches on 5½" jointed Rebels or RedFins and even more effective has been small popping plugs. Bob Dupre turned the first hat trick of the season in the area. Fishing just east of Broadway Beach, Bob had several bass to 10 lbs., 3 weaks between 9 and 10 lbs. and a 4 lb. bluefish. Action occurred Thursday morning. Stan added too that some weaks and bass are scattered along the beach west of Rocky Point with Tri-Fin spoon jigs (white tail) and 1 oz. eelworms in red working best.

Ed Kopchak of **Warren's Bait and Tackle** in Aquebogue told of school bass along the Riverhead beaches with most fish in the 3-5 lb. class. Blue and white and yellow Rebels have been doing the most damage here, while blue-back sinking Rebels have been accounting for some 5-7 lb. weakfish at Mattituck Inlet during the evening hours.

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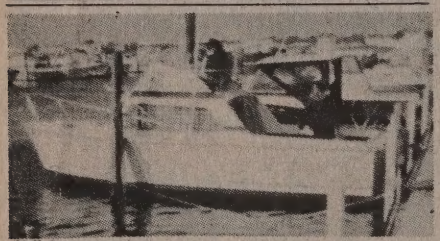

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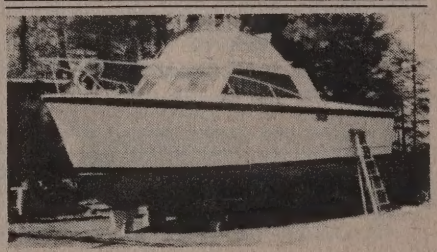

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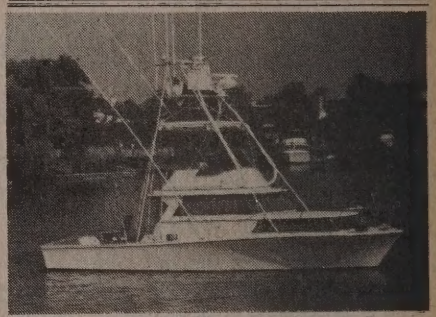

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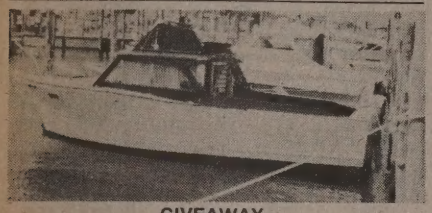

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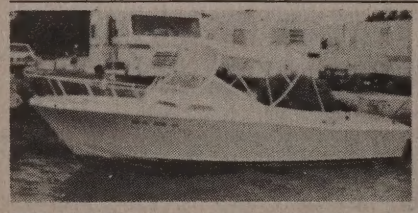

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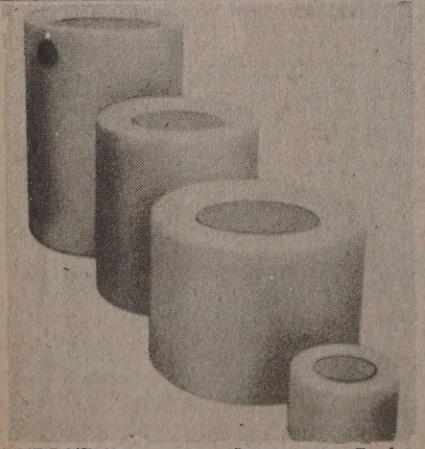

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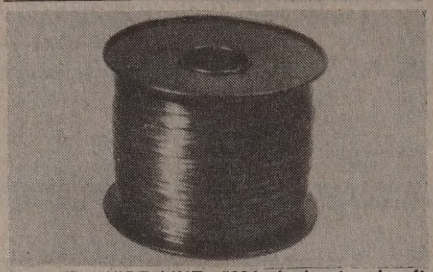

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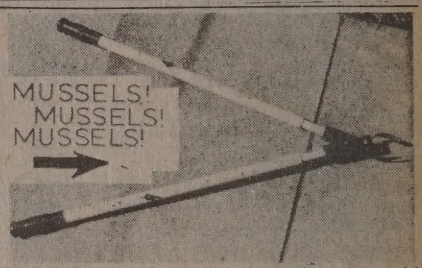


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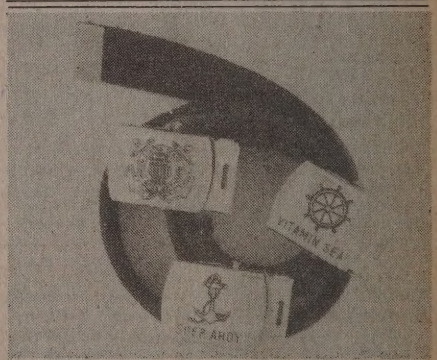

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| DAY | SANDY HOOK | | Breakwater Harbor | | NEW YORK | | NEW LONDON | | WILLETS POINT | | BRIDGE-PORT | | NEWPORT | | DATE |
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| FRI. | 12:40 | 1:25 | 1:25 | 2:05 | 1:25 | 2:10 | 2:10 | 3:00 | 4:10 | 5:20 | 4:05 | 4:45 | 12:35 | 1:10 | 5/28 |
| SAT. | 1:35 | 2:25 | 2:30 | 3:15 | 2:20 | 3:05 | 3:15 | 4:05 | 5:45 | 6:35 | 5:05 | 5:50 | 1:35 | 2:10 | 5/29 |
| SUN. | 2:35 | 3:25 | 3:35 | 4:20 | 3:20 | 4:05 | 4:25 | 5:10 | 7:00 | 7:35 | 6:15 | 6:50 | 2:40 | 3:10 | 5/30 |
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| TUE. | 4:35 | 5:15 | 5:35 | 6:15 | 5:20 | 5:55 | 6:35 | 7:00 | 9:00 | 9:25 | 8:20 | 8:45 | 4:35 | 5:00 | 6/1 |
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| Harts Cove | +1 30 |
| Pontunck Point | +3 35 |
| Mastic Beach | +3 28 |
| FIRE ISLAND INLET | –0 38 |
| Democrat Point | –0 38 |
| Coast Guard Station | –0 19 |
| Fire Island Light | +0 47 |
| GREAT SOUTH BAY | |
| Sayville | +3 39 |
| Heckscher State Pk. | +3 20 |
| Bay Shore | +2 23 |
| Babylon | +2 12 |
| Amityville | +2 21 |
| JONES INLET | –0 19 |
| Zachs Bay | +1 25 |
| Seaford Harbor | +2 05 |
| Freeport Creek | +0 34 |
| E. ROCKAWAY INLET | –0 06 |
| Long Beach Bridge | +0 19 |
| ROCKAWAY INLET | –0 00 |
| Beach Ch. Bridge | +0 38 |
| JFK Airport | +0 26 |

## On BRIDGEPORT

| | |
|---|---|
| Lloyd Point | +0 08 |
| Cold Spring Harbor | +0 08 |
| Bayville Bridge | +0 13 |
| Eatons Neck Point | +0 03 |
| Northport Bay | +0 03 |
| Norwalk Islands | +0 10 |
| Smithtown Bay | –0 03 |
| Cranes Neck Point | +0 05 |
| Port Jefferson Harbor | +0 03 |
| New Haven Harbor | +0 08 |
| Mount Sinai Harbor | –0 08 |
| Herod Point | –0 07 |
| Mattituck Inlet | +0 19 |
| Horton Point | –0 20 |
| Truman Beach | –0 42 |
| Falkner Island | –0 13 |
| Sachem Head | –0 10 |
| Branford Harbor | –0 07 |
| New Haven Harbor | –0 08 |
| Milford Harbor | –0 07 |
| Stratford | +0 27 |
| Shelton | +1 36 |
| Black Rock Harbor | –0 03 |
| Saugatuck River | –0 01 |
| South Norwalk | +0 10 |
| Greens Ledge | –0 01 |
| Stamford | +0 04 |
| Cos Cob Harbor | +0 06 |
| Greenwich | +0 02 |

## On NEW LONDON

| | |
|---|---|
| Orient Point | +0 27 |
| Little Gull Is. (Race) | +0 12 |
| Greenport | +1 04 |
| Southold | +1 43 |
| New Suffolk | +2 26 |
| South Jamesport | +2 32 |
| Shinnecock Canal | +2 33 |
| Noyack Bay | +2 05 |
| Sag Harbor | +0 59 |
| Gardiners Bay | +0 21 |
| Promised Land | –0 14 |
| Montauk Inlet | –0 25 |
| Montauk Point | –1 13 |
| Niantic | +1 20 |
| Stonington | –0 33 |
| Noank, Mystic River | –0 23 |
| THAMES RIVER | |
| Smith Cove | –0 01 |
| Norwich | +0 09 |
| CONNECTICUT RIVER | |
| Saybrook jetty | +1 10 |
| Lyme | +1 24 |
| Essex | +1 38 |
| East Haddam | +2 41 |
| Higganum Creek | +2 54 |

## On WILLETS PT.

| | |
|---|---|
| Little Neck Bay | –0 10 |
| Execution Light | –0 06 |
| Manhasset Bay | –0 01 |
| Hempstead Harbor | –0 11 |
| City Island | –0 03 |
| Rye Beach | –0 28 |
| Port Chester | –0 09 |
| Mamaroneck | –0 08 |
| New Rocheele | –0 24 |
| Davids Island | –0 02 |

## On B'WATER HB.

| | |
|---|---|
| CAPE MAY POINT | –0 10 |
| Miami Beach | +1 17 |
| East Point | +0 53 |
| Egg Island Point | +0 33 |
| Cape Henlopen | –0 05 |
| ROOSEVELT INLET | +0 09 |
| Mispillion River Ent. | +0 33 |
| St. Jones River Ent. | +0 57 |

## On NEW YORK

| | |
|---|---|
| Jersey City | +0 07 |
| Geo. Washington Br. | +0 46 |
| Spuyten Duyvil | +0 58 |
| Ossining | +1 53 |
| Peekskill | +2 24 |
| West Point | +3 16 |
| Newburg | +3 42 |

## On NEWPORT

| | |
|---|---|
| Sakonnet | –0 10 |
| Tiverton | +0 21 |
| Beavertail Point | –0 02 |
| Prudence Is., Sandy Pt. | +0 10 |
| Bristol | +0 10 |
| Warren | +0 21 |
| Nayett Point | +0 12 |
| Pawtucket | +0 21 |
| East Greenwich | +0 16 |
| Wickford | +0 12 |
| Narragansett Pier | –0 08 |
| Point Judith Harbor | –0 07 |
| BLOCK ISLAND | |
| Great Salt Pond | +0 05 |
| Old Harbor | –0 14 |
| Watch Hill Point | +0 44 |

## Sunrise/Sunset

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 5/28 | 5:30 | 8:25 |
| 5/29 | 5:29 | 8:26 |
| 5/30 | 5:29 | 8:27 |
| 5/31 | 5:28 | 8:28 |
| 6/1 | 5:27 | 8:29 |
| 6/2 | 5:27 | 8:30 |
| 6/3 | 5:26 | 8:31 |

## Moonrise/Moonset

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 5/28 | 11:11AM | 12:57AM |
| 5/29 | 12:20PM | 1:36AM |
| 5/30 | 1:28PM | 2:09AM |
| 5/31 | 2:30PM | 2:38AM |
| 6/1 | 3:32PM | 3:06AM |
| 6/2 | 4:33PM | 3:31AM |
| 6/3 | 5:33PM | 3:58AM |

## Moon Phases

| NEW | 1st Qtr. | FULL | 2nd Qtr. |
|---|---|---|---|
| 6/21 | 6/28 | 6/6 | 6/14 |

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## SOLUNAR TABLES

*When To Fish Or Hunt*

The schedule of solunar periods for this week as printed below have been taken from the original ***KNIGHT SOLUNAR TABLES.*** Plan your day so that you will be fishing good areas during these times when the fish should be most active. The tables are not a guarantee you will catch fish, however.

The major periods begin at the time shown and last for 1½ to 2 hours thereafter, and are in the bold type face. The minor periods are shorter in duration and lighter type face.

| | AM | | PM | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Minor | Major | Minor | Major |
| Thurs. | 9:55 | 3:45 | 10:30 | 4:15 |
| Fri. | 11:00 | 4:50 | 11:30 | 5:15 |
| Sat. | 11:55 | 5:50 | — | 6:10 |
| Sun. | 12:25 | 6:35 | 12:45 | 7:00 |
| Mon. | 1:15 | 7:15 | 1:25 | 7:40 |
| Tues. | 1:50 | 7:55 | 2:05 | 8:20 |
| Wed. | 2:35 | 8:40 | 2:50 | 9:00 |
| Thurs. | 3:15 | 9:15 | 3:25 | 9:40 |

# Daiwa's $50,000 Bluefish Derby & Fish-Off

Starting July 4th through Labor Day, from Rhode Island to New Jersey, it's Bluefish time! Because Daiwa is awarding $50,000 in prizes during their Bluefish Derby and Fish-Off.

**Here's how the contest works.**

Contestants will fish for Bluefish, with prizes being awarded every other week for the largest catch. There will be a total of eight bi-weekly winners.

Bi-weekly prizes will include a trip for two to a Northeast fishing spot, Daiwa Sealine® rods and reels and other tackle. Bi-weekly winners will also qualify for the right to compete for the Grand Prizes in the "Fish-Off" on September 4th and 5th.

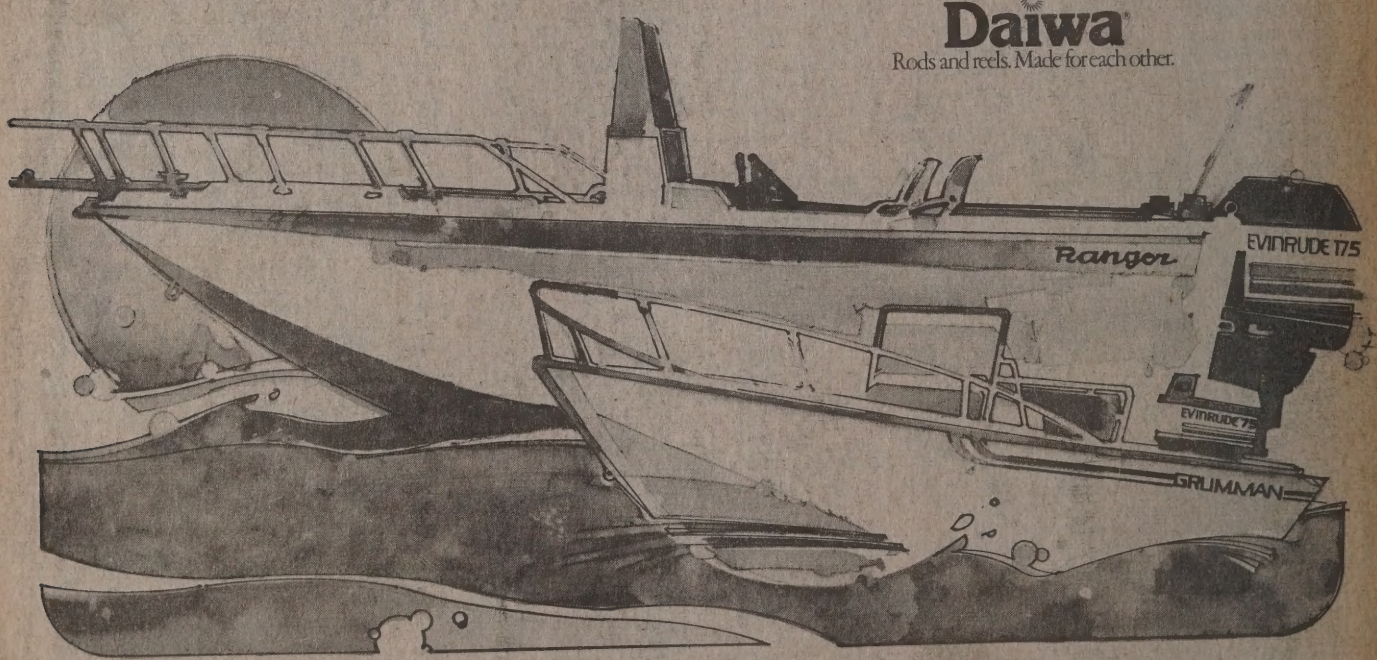
First prize in the "Fish-Off" is a Ranger 622 boat with trailer, an Evinrude 175 h.p. motor, and electronics. Second prize is a Grumman 5.0 meter boat with trailer, an Evinrude 75 h.p. motor, and electronics. Other "Fish-Off" prizes include fantastic fishing trips for two to Casa Mar, Costa Rica, Plano tackle boxes, Gott coolers, Boone Bait lures and Daiwa Sealine® tackle.

**Fish for Bluefish–help save the Striper!**

$1.00 out of each $6.00 entry fee will be donated by Daiwa to the National Coalition for Marine Conservation, to help restore the striped bass fishery.

Entry-forms are available from your local Daiwa dealer, or write Daiwa, $50,000 Bluefish Derby & Fish-Off ENTRY, P.O. Box 5418, Hicksville, N.Y. 11816.

**Daiwa**
Rods and reels. Made for each other.




# Tackle the big prizes with Sealine®.

## Official Weigh-In Stations:

**Division North**
**Connecticut**
**Ted's Bait and Tackle**
Bridgeport, CT
**Fisherman's World, Inc.**
East Norwalk, CT
**Dee's Bait 'n Tackle**
New Haven, CT
**Brennan's of New England, Inc.**
Waterford, CT
**Hillyer's Tackle Shop**
Waterford, CT
**Wetmore's Marina, Inc.**
Westbrook, CT

**New York**
**Larkfield Sports Center**
East Northport, NY
**Glen Cove Sports Shop**
Glen Cove, NY
**Four Winds Bait & Tackle**
Huntington Sta., NY
**Beckmann's Tackle**
Lynbrook, NY
**John's Gun and Tackle**
New Rochelle, NY
**Angler's Den, Inc.**
Selden, NY
**Jack's Marine**
Shelter Island Heights, L.I., NY
**Port of Egypt Fishing Station**
Southold, L.I., NY
**Male-Town**
White Plains, NY

**Rhode Island**
**Wakefield Arms & Sports Center, Inc.**
Wakefield, RI

**Division South**
**New Jersey**
**Fisherman's Den**
Belmar, NJ
**Brielle Bait & Tackle**
Brielle, NJ
**M.V. Tackle**
Brielle, NJ
**Dosil's Sport Center**
East Keansburg, NJ
**Edelman's Sporting Goods**
Pennsauken, NJ
**Betty and Nick's Bait & Tackle**
Seaside Park, NJ
**Fred's Bait and Tackle**
South Amboy, NJ
**Bob Kislin's, Inc.**
Toms River, NJ

**New York**
**Augies Custom Tackle**
Babylon, NY
**Mike's Tackle**
Brooklyn, NY
**B & B Tackle & Sports**
Center Moriches, NY
**Hook Line & Sinker**
Freeport, NY
**Sea Isle Sports Center, Inc.**
Freeport, L.I., NY
**Chas. Altenkirch and Son, Inc.**
Hampton Bays, L.I., NY
**Garans Sport Shop, Inc.**
Merrick, NY
**Montauk Marine**
Montauk, L.I., NY
**Star Island Yacht Club, Ltd.**
Montauk, L.I., NY
**Tuma's Bait & Tackle**
Montauk, L.I., NY
**Lon Wanser Fishing Tackle**
Seaford, L.I., NY
**Santo's Sport Shop, Inc.**
Staten Island, NY
**Captree Bait & Tackle**
West Islip, NY